

# How to Be Brief

The Writing Center Handbook

- This list of concise expressions might help some people. — *Noam Chomsky*
- Well done is quickly done. — *Augustus Caesar*
- Brevity is the soul of wit. — *Shakespeare*
- Keep it simple. — *Kelly Johnson*
- Simplicity is the trademark of genius. — *Sravani Saha*
- Brevity enhances speed, clarity, and impact. — *Bryan A. Garner*
- If I had more time I would have written a shorter letter. — *Blaise Pascal*
- Lacking time to write a short letter, I wrote a long one. — *Mark Twain*
- Do you need that word to convey your message? — *Igwey Williams*
- Verbosity wastes part of the reader's or listener's life.  
— *Mokokoma Mokhonoana*
- I want to say in ten-sentences what others say in a book?  
— *Friedrich Nietzsche*
- Writing is 1% inspiration, and 99 % elimination. — *Louise Brooks*
- A wise man says few words. — *Proverbs 17:27*
- Cannot people realize how large an income is thrift? — *Cicero*
- Use common words to say uncommon things. — *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- Never use a long word where a short one will do.  
If it's possible to cut a word out, do so. — *George Orwell*
- There seems to be some perverse human characteristic  
that likes to make things difficult. — *Warren Buffet*
- A novel is a story which has not discovered how to be brief.  
— *George Saunders*
- Good writers use simple words for complex ideas, not big words  
for small ideas. — *Oliver Markus*
- A little simplification would be the first step toward rational living.  
— *Eleanor Roosevelt*
- Simplicity is not a simple thing. — *Charlie Chaplin*
- Less is more. — *Ludwig Mies van der Rohe*

# Introduction

To speak or write easier, better, and faster, replace wordy expressions with concise ones. They're short, simple, to the point, help you communicate quicker, and make you look and sound smarter. Meetings where everyone communicates concisely are shorter, and like businesses or other organizations where everyone communicates concisely, they are more productive. Could a nation increase its Gross Domestic Product by having at least all its key employees communicate concisely?

By using concise expressions, you will start speaking, writing, and even *thinking* concisely, thus better. Soon, when you think of saying or writing, hear or read something wordy, you will feel and hear an alarm. Because each minute of movie production time costs thousands of dollars, movies and every commercial contain only concise expressions. Also, concisely written publications use less pages and cost less to produce.

Though it's fun to hear wordy or quirky expressions in song lyrics, to be wordy in casual conversations and when playing, in business, wordiness wastes time and energy, and those two things are money.

Wordy expressions include circumlocutions, hedging, contradictions, distractions, detractions, double negatives, irrelevant information, obfuscating, repeating, replaying, stalling; or using ambiguous, confusing, indirect, obvious, or unessential words, or oxymorons.

To learn which of two words or phrases is concise, count the number of letters, spaces, and syllables each word or phrase has. For example, *to my surprise* is 3-words, 14-units, 12-letters, 4-syllables, and 2-spaces.

# 221 Expressions Best Deleted

ABOVE ALL ELSE

ABSOLUTELY

AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

ALL TOLD

(ALMOST) ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

ALSO

AND

AND THAT MEANS

(ANYHOW; ANYWAY)

AS (USUAL; EXPECTED)

AS A WHOLE

AS (EVERYONE; EVERYBODY) KNOWS

AS EXPECTED

AS FAR AS (I AM CONCERNED)

AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT

AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

AS ((SOME) PEOPLE; THEY) SAY

AS THE CASE MAY BE

AS USUAL

AS WE SPEAK

AS YOU (MAY) KNOW

AT ALL

AT THE END OF THE DAY

BASICALLY

(BE AWARE; REMEMBER) THAT

BE THAT AS IT MAY

BELIEVE IT OR NOT  
BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT  
BOTTOM LINE  
BRIEFLY; TO BE BRIEF  
BUT AGAIN  
(BUT,) LET ME TELL YOU  
BY THE WAY  
CHANCES ARE (THAT)  
CLEARLY  
CONCERNING  
CONSEQUENTLY  
DEFINITELY  
DID YOU KNOW (THAT)  
EITHER  
EVEN  
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT  
EVIDENTLY  
EXPERIMENTALLY  
FEW KNOW THAT  
FINALLY  
FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES  
FOR BETTER OR WORSE  
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE  
FOR ME  
FOR VARIETY'S SAKE  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION  
FORTUNATELY  
HERE IS THE THING

HEY

HONESTLY

HOW SHALL WE SAY

I AM CALLING (YOU) TO SAY TH

I (AM CERTAIN; KNOW) (THAT)

I AM CONVINCED THAT

I (CAN; NOW) SEE THAT

IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT

I (GOTTA; HAVE TO) TELL YOU

I JUST REALIZED (AGAIN) THAT

I (KNOW; THINK) THAT

(I MIGHT AS WELL; WILL) ADD THAT

I POSIT THAT

I SUSPECT

I WANT TO (SAY; TELL YOU) THAT

I (WANT; WOULD) LIKE TO KNOW

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT

I WAS THINKING: WONDERING)

I'LL TELL YOU THAT

(I WILL; WOULD) SAY THAT

I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT

I WOULD SAY

IF ANYTHING

IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD

IF POSSIBLE

IT COULD BE SAID THAT

IN (A FEW; CERTAIN; SOME) WAY(S)

IN (MAGNITUDE; SIZE; VOLUME)

IN A VERY REAL SENSE

IN ALL HONESTY

IN CONCLUSION; TO CONCLUDE

IN ONE WORD

IN PLAIN ENGLISH

IN REALITY

IN SHORT

IN SUMMARY

IN TERMS OF

IN THE PROCESS OF

INCONTROVERTIBLY

INCREDIBLE—BUT TRUE

INCREDIBLY

INDEED

INDISPUTABLY

INTENTIONALLY; ON PURPOSE

INTERESTINGLY (ENOUGH)

IRONICALLY

IRREFUTABLY

IRREGARDLESS; REGARDLESS

(IS IT: IT IS) POSSIBLE THAT

I WOULD SAY (THAT)

I'M HERE TO (TELL YOU; SAY; STATE) (THAT)

IT (JUST) DAWNED ON ME (THA

IT (HAS TO DO WITH: INVOLVES; ENTAILS)

IT (IS; WAS) A TIME WHEN

IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT

IT FEELS LIKE  
IT GOES TO SHOW (YOU) THAT  
IT IS CLEAR TO SEE THAT  
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT  
IT SEEMS TO ME THAT  
IT'S CLEAR TO SEE THAT  
IT'S JUST THAT  
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE  
LAST BUT NOT LEAST  
LASTLY  
LET ME SAY THAT  
LET ME TELL YOU (THAT)  
LETS SAY  
LIKE ANYTHING ELSE  
LISTEN TO (ME; THAT; THIS)  
LITERALLY  
LO AND BEHOLD  
MOREOVER  
MY QUESTION IS  
MY THEORY IS THAT  
NAMELY  
NEEDLESS TO SAY  
NO LESS THAN  
NO ONE KNOWS THAT  
NO QUESTION ABOUT IT  
NONE OTHER THAN  
NONETHELESS  
NOT IN THE (VERY) LEAST



NOT TO BEAT AROUND THE BUSH

NOTE (NOTICE) THAT

NOTWITHSTANDING

NOW

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT

OBVIOUSLY

OF COURSE

OH BOY!

OH MY GOD!

ON A SEPARATE MATTER

ON THE WHOLE

ON TOP OF (IT ALL; (ALL) THAT)

ON-THE-SPOT

OUT OF NOWHERE

OUTRIGHT

PRECISELY

REALLY

REGRETTABLY; UNFORTUNATELY

REMEMBER THAT

REMEMBER TO

RIGHT THEN AND THERE

SERIOUSLY

SIMPLY PUT

SO-CALLED

SOME (KIND; TYPE) OF (AN)

SOMEWHAT

SPONTANEOUSLY

SUFFICE IT TO SAY (THAT)

SURPRISINGLY OR NOT  
THAT  
THAT MOMENT (IN TIME))  
THAT BEING SAID  
THAT INSTANT  
THAT IS TO SAY  
THAT MEANS  
THE ANSWER IS  
THE BETTER PART OF  
THE BOTTOM LINE IS (THAT)  
THE CASE INVOLVES  
THE CONCEPT OF  
THE CONDITION OF  
THE FACT (IS (THAT); THAT; REMAINS)  
THE FACT IS THAT  
THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS  
The (IDEA; NOTION) OF  
THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT  
THE INS AND OUTS OF  
THE NOTION OF  
THE ONE AND ONLY  
THE PRACTICE OF  
THE PRESENCE OF  
THE QUESTION (ARISES; IS; OF)  
THE REALM OF  
THE SITUATION IS THAT  
THE THING IS  
THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO

THE TRUTH IS THAT  
THE WAY I LOOK AT IT  
THERE (ARE: IS)  
TO BEGIN WITH  
TO CONCLUDE  
TO CUT TO THE CHASE  
TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHOR  
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE  
TO SUM UP  
TO SUMMARIZE  
TRULY  
TYPE OF  
ULTIMATELY  
UNDENIABLY  
UNFORTUNATELY  
UNQUESTIONABLY  
WELL  
WHAT COULD BE CALLED (A; AN)  
WHAT DO YOU THINK,  
WHAT I WANT TO (ASK; KNOW) IS  
WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS (THAT)  
WHAT'S MORE  
WHAT'S (REALLY) GOING ON IS  
WHEN IT COMES TO  
WHILE WE'RE AT IT  
WITH (THAT; THIS) IN MIND  
WORSE; WORST  
YOU COULD SAY

(YOU) KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

(YOU) KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

(YOU) KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING

YOU (MAY; MIGHT) NOT BELIEVE THIS (, BUT)

YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS (, BUT)

# Pairs of Wordy, and Concise, Expressions

In the following list, delete the CAPITALIZED WORDS or LETTERS. They are obvious, redundant, unneeded, unessential, or wordy.

- A bullet in the left margin indicates that the *italicized* word on the right column is new.

ABSOLUTE certainty	certainty
ABSOLUTELY certain	certain
a considerable amount	a lot of; lots of; many; much
A DISTANCE OF TWO miles	two-miles
a large part	many; most; much
a large quantity	a lot; many; much
a little bit	a (bit; little); some
a long PERIOD of time	a long time
A long TIME ago	long ago
a lot	many; much
A MATTER OF time	time
A PERIOD OF five-days	five days
a person WHO IS generous	a generous person
a short time later	soon
a thing	it
a thing (THAT; WHICH) IS called	a thing called
A TOTAL OF three	three
a cool feature IN ITS OWN RIGHT	a great feature
a variety of	various
ABJECT poverty	poverty

able to	can
ABOUT MOHAMED, Mohamed is	Mohamed is
ABOVE ALL ELSE	(delete)
above THE ground	above ground
absolute	full; total
(ABSOLUTE; BARE) minimum	least; minimum
ABSOLUTELY	(delete)
ABSOLUTELY (no; not; nothing)	no; not; nothing
ABSOLUTELY necessary	indispensable; necessary
(abstain; refrain) from; renounce	cease; end; halt; stop
absurd; illogical; preposterous	cuckoo; crazy; dumb; stupid
abundance; surplus	lots; many; myriad; untold
ACCIDENTAL error	error
accommodations	beds; rooms; suites
accompanied by	next to; with
accomplish; achieve	do; get; win
accomplishment	feat
according to; based on	by
accordingly	so; then; thus
accoutrements	gear; junk; stuff; things
accumulate; collect; compile	amass; hoard; pile
accustomed to; in the habit of	used to
acknowledge	accept; nod; smile; wave
acquire; obtain; purchase	buy; get; obtain; order; take
across the globe; worldwide	everywhere; globally
ACTUAL facts	facts

ACTUALLY did; said; wrote	did; said; wrote
ACTUALLY; IN ACTUALITY	(delete)
ad infinitum; continuous	endless; infinite; non-stop
add AN ADDITIONAL	add
add UP	add
ADDED bonus	bonus
addict	hook; trap
additionally	also; and
(adhere to; in keeping with)	follow; obey
adjacent; side-by-side	next to; with
admit TO (stealing; HAVING STOLEN)	admit stealing
ADVANCE(D) notice; planning	notice; planning
ADVANCE(D) reservations	reservations
ADVANCE(D) warning	warning
advance; continue; proceed	go
adVERTISEMENT	ad
advertising; public relations	hype; propaganda; push; sell
affordable; inexpensive	cheap; low cost
AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE	(delete)
after	once; post-; when
after all is said and done	all told; basically; bottom line
afterwards	after; later; next; then
again and again; over and over	repeatedly
ahead of (schedule; time)	early; soon; unexpectedly
(airtight) alibi	excuse; explanation; reason
ALL across	across

ALL alone	alone
all along; during; throughOUT	in; through; thru; while
ALL around the world	around the world; globally
ALL by (himself; itself)	by himself; he; it
all capitals; all capital (letters)	all caps
all of (a; the) sudden	suddenly
all OF the house	all the house
all OF THE students	all (the) students
all OF the things	all the things
ALL OF these	these
all of us	we
all OF your	all your
ALL that much	(that; too) much
all the same	either way
all the time	continuously
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED	(delete)
all things considered	in the end; overall; ultimately
all three OF THE	all three
ALL TOLD	(delete)
ALL-TIME (best, favorite)	(best; favorite)
ALLEGED suspect	suspect
allow me to	let me; (can; may) I
allow; approve	let; okay; permit
(ALLOW ME TO; I'M HERE TO) welcome YOU	welcome
allows you to	lets you



(almost everyone; everything)	most (people; things)
almost never; infrequently	hardly; rarely; seldom
almost impossible	unlikely; doubtful; unsure
almost not believe	hardly believe
almost; close to; just about	nearly
(ALMOST) ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE (delete)	
along the lines of	like; resembling; similar to
alphabetically ORDERED list	alphabetic list
alphabetical	alphabetic
ALSO	(delete)
also	too
ALSO includes	includes
Although	albeit; despite; though
always (needed; necessary)	basic; crucial; indispensable
always (accessible; near)	close; handy
ALWAYS remember	remember
am aware	heard; know; saw; sensed
am in the market for	(got; need; want) to (buy; get)
ameliorate	better, cure, fix, improve
amidst; among; in the middle of	amid
amongST	among
• amounts to; equals;	is; = (the equal sign)
an ELEMENT OF RISK	(a) risk; risky
an idea whose time has come	a (great; timely) idea
an overwhelming majority	many; most; much
analogous; parallel; similar	akin; alike; like

AND	(delete or avoid using)
and (many) other things	and so on; etc.
and so on AND SO FORTH	and so on
AND (that; which)	that; which
and ALSO	and; but; plus
and that	which
and THEN wait	and wait
AND THAT MEANS	(delete)
announce; inform; notify; state	say; tell
ANNOYING pest	pest
annual	yearly
anomaly	bug; error; glitch
answer; respond	reply
anterior	front
anticipate	expect; foresee; predict
antithesis	inverse; opposite; reverse
any	a
any (AVAILABLE; EXISTING)	any
ANY AND all	any; all
aNY difference	a difference
(ANYHOW; ANYWAY)	(delete)
apartment; residence	home; place
apparatus	device; gadget; machine; tool
apparently	seemingly
• appearance matches odor	appearance-odor correlation
appears (to be)	looks (like); seems (to be)

application	use
apprehend	catch; get; grab; hook; trap
approach	come near
approaching; FORTHcoming	coming; looming; next
appropriate	correct
approximately	about; around; close to; near
Arabic (numeral)	Arab numeral
are AS rampant AS THEY ARE	are rampant
are CURRENTLY experiencing	are experiencing
are EITHER male or female	are male or female
are more memorable	are remembered
are most beneficial to workers	benefit workers most
are NOW	are
are recurring	recur
are relevant	pertain
are using	use
are you able to	(can; do; will) you
are you going OR NOT	are you going
(are; was; were) able to	can
AREA OF expertise	expertise; skills; specialty
ARMED gunman	gunman
AROUND 10:00 A.M.	at 9:58 A.M. (be exact)
arrange; rearrange	fix; (re)order; place; put
arrest (development; growth)	hold back; infantilize; retard
arrive at a conclusion	agree; conclude; decide
arrive; land (in; on)	(get; come) to

• articulating an idea positively	positive articulation
as (it; that) was happening	during; (mean)while
AS (OF) yet	still; yet
AS (USUAL; EXPECTED)	(delete or avoid using)
as a (consequence; result) of	because; consequently; due to
as a general rule	generally; typically; usually
AS A MATTER OF fact	in fact
AS A MEANS to	to
as a result (of)	because (of); consequently
as a way (of; to)	for; to
AS A WHOLE	(delete)
as being a	(is; was) a
AS EVERYONE KNOWS	(delete)
AS EXPECTED	(delete)
as far as	about
AS FAR AS (I AM CONCERNED)	(delete)
as far as I know	to my knowledge
AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT	(delete)
as (IT) HAD BEEN planned	as planned
AS INCREDIBLE AS IT (IS; LOOKS; MAY SEEM; SOUNDS)	
(delete)	
as (if; though); just as (if)	like
as it (IN FACT; TRULY) is	as it is;
as long as	if; since
as many as	up to
• as many people as possible	AMPAP

AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE	(delete)
AS OF (a specific date; now)	from (a specific date; now) on
AS OF THIS MOMENT	as of; ON; (starting) Monday
as opposed to	against; instead of; versus
AS ((SOME) PEOPLE; THEY) SAY	(delete)
as soon as	once; when
as soon as you POSSIBLY can	as soon as you can
AS THE CASE MAY BE	(delete)
AS TO whether	if; whether
AS USUAL	(delete)
AS WE SPEAK	(delete)
as we speak	(right) now
as we wait for	as we await
as well as	and; also; too
AS yet	yet
AS YOU (MAY BE; ARE) (AWARE; KNOW)	
ascend	climb; go up; rise
ascertain; determine	check; know; learn; see
ask (A; THE) QUESTION;	ask; inquire
ask many questions	interrogate; poll; survey
assist	aid; give; help
assume	think
assuming THAT	if
at (that; this) location	at; (over) here; (over) there; on
at (that; this) point in time	now; then
AT (THE VERY) minimum	(at; the) least; minimum

at (the; which) time	then; there; when
AT A later (HOUR; TIME; TODAY)	later; subsequently
AT A later DATE	later; subsequently
at a later TIME	later; then
at a loss of words	speechless; wordless
at a moment's notice	any moment
at A normal speed	at normal speed
AT ALL	(delete)
at all times; permanently	always; continuously
AT frequent INTERVALS	frequently; often; regularly
at LONG last	at last; finally
at no charge; FOR free	free; pro bono
at no time; not (at all; once)	never; no; not; zero
AT other times	other times
at present	currently; is; now; presently
at the conclusion of	after
at the edge of	nearly at
AT THE END OF THE DAY	(delete)
at the point of	(about; going; ready) to
at the present time	currently; (right) now; today
at the same time	jointly; simultaneously; while
at the time	then; when
at this (moment; point) in time	now; presently; today
AT THIS MOMENT (IN (HISTORY; TIME))	(delete)
at this stage of the game	now; presently; today

at this time	now; presently; today
AT THIS TIME, I am not sure	I (am not sure; am uncertain)
at which (he entered)	where (he entered)
at which time	when
attacker; persecutor; tormentor	bully; foe; tyrant
attempt; make an effort to	try
attempting TO DO that	attempting (it; that)
attribute to the wrong author	misattribute
attribute; characteristic	part; point; trait
audacious	bold; clever; risky; smart
• audio-recorded (diary; journal)	audio-(diary; journal)
augment; increase	add; amplify; boost; gain; grow
authority	power; say; clout
autobiography OF your LIFE	your autobiography
AUTOMATICALLY, IMMEDIATELY; INSTANTLY	
automatize	automate
avarice; covetousness; hunger	greed
aware of the fact	discern, know; recognize; see
BACK in 1776	in 1776
BACK then	then
back to the drawing board	redo; restart; retake
BACKUP copy	copy
backup; support	aid; help
bad but better than any alternative	
least bad	
bag of tricks	equipment; gear; stuff; tools

bald HEADED	bald
ballpark figure	around; estimate; guess
BARE essentials	basics; essentials
based IN LARGE PART on	based on
based on the fact that	because; due to; since
(BASELESS; FALSE; UNFOUNDED) rumor	rumor
(BASIC; CORE) facts	key facts
BASIC principle	principle
(BASIC; VITAL) necessities	necessities
BASICALLY	(delete)
be (aware; cognizant)	consider; know; realize; sense
(BE AWARE; REMEMBER) THAT	(delete)
be specific	specify
BE THAT AS IT MAY	(delete)
beat around the bush	dodge; evade; hedge; shuffle
because of that	consequently; so; thus
because OF (THE FACT) THAT	because; due to; since
become accustomed to	acclimate; adapt; habituate
become familiar with	familiarize; learn; train
become; (come; get) to be	get
become; be made aware of	develop; know; learn
becomes	gets
BEFORE (I, THEY; YOU; WE) (KNEW; KNOW) IT	
before long	quickly; soon
before that	earlier; hitherto; previously



before you (do; eat; state)	before (doing; eating; stating)
began to cry; started crying	cried
BEGIN noticing; TO notice)	hear; notice; realize; see
begin to think	start thinking
behave	act; do; move
behind closed doors	covertly; privately; secretly
being able to write	writing
being that	because; due to; since; so
believe false information	misbelieve
BELIEVE IT OR NOT	(delete)
below the belt	foul; illegal; unfair; wrong
below the radar	invisible; undetectable
bend out of shape	frazzle; perturb; upset
beneath; underneath	below; bottom; low; under
beside(s) the point	irrelevant; unconnected
best case (scenario)	best (scenario; situation)
best EVER	best; number one; top
better THAN EVER (BEFORE)	better
(better) THAN OTHERS	better
better (to be) safe than sorry	(better to) (avoid; prevent)
between (you and me; us)	confidentially; privately
between a rock and a hard place	2 equally difficult choices
between THE TWO OF them	between them
between you and me	between us
BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT(delete)	
beyond a shadow of a doubt	undoubtedly; no doubt

beyond the realm of possibility	impossible; no; not; out
big DEAL	big; crucial; key; major; vital
(BIG; MAJOR) breakthrough	breakthrough; discovery; find
bird's eye view	overview
bit off more than he could chew	is (overwhelmed; swamped)
bite the hand that feeds you	betray
bits AND pieces; components	bits; parts; pieces
black sheep of the family	different; odd; undesirable

blend TOGETHER	blend
blow a fuse	breakdown; explode; freak
blow the whistle on	accuse; complain; report; sue
blow things out of proportion	exaggerate; inflate; overstate
blow your own horn	self-promote
BOTH Dick and Jane	Dick and Jane

both OF (THEM; THESE; THOSE)	both
both OF THE boys	both boys
both persons feel attracted	mutual attraction
BOTTOM LINE	(delete)
bottom line; in the end	basically
bought SOME food	bought food
BRAND new	new
breadth and depth	extent; scope; span
breakdown	collapse
BRIEF (moment; summary)	moment; summary
BRIEFLY; TO BE BRIEF	(delete)
bring home the bacon	feed; give; provide; support
bring out (the best in me)	(elicit; extract) (the best in me)
BRING TO (A close; AN end)	cease; close; end; halt; stop
bring to life; make real	create; do; build; materialize
bring; call)-to-mind	allude; hint; recall; remind
bring; come) back to life	resuscitate
broadcast; disseminate; webcast	air; inform; spread; tell
brought about	caused; produced; triggered
bump (in; on) the road	barrier; hurdle; obstacle
bump on a log	idle; looser; slacker; static
(BUT,) LET ME TELL YOU	(delete)
but yet	but; yet
buy and large	most
buy into	accept; believe; like; trust
buy time	delay; postpone; stall

• buy; purchase (B)

BY doing that doing that

BY (doing; saying; using; working) doing; saying; using; working

by (way of) via

by all means sure; yes

by applying applying; doing; using

(BY) the use of; using; applying) applying; using; with

by applying the direct method directly; on-the-spot

BY DEFINITION, IT WAS A CASE OF \_\_\_\_\_

(delete)

(BY; IN SO) doing doing

by doing that doing it; in so doing

by leaps and bounds (extra; very) fast; quickly

by MEANS OF by; using; with

by the same token likewise; similarly

by the time THAT by the time

BY THE WAY (delete)

by virtue of the fact that because; due to

calculate; extrapolate deduce; figure; reason; think

• (CALL; MAKE A PHONE CALL) (P)

call it off (end; halt; stop) it

call the shots control; direct; manage; lead

call UP call

come to an abrupt end suddenly end; end abruptly

can (also) be defined as is (also)

can be (deadly; lethal; mortal) can kill

can be (interpreted; seen) as	might be; is; was
can help; is applicable	applies; pertains; works with
can of worms	fix; dilemma; jam; quandary
can OR cannot	can; cannot
can PROVE TO be	(can; might) be; is (often)
cancel; rule) OUT	cancel; scratch
cannot be ignored	unignorable
cannot be postponed	unpostponable
cannot be stopped	unstoppable
cannot POSSIBLY	cannot
cannot produce a good result	is (futile; pointless; useless)
CAPable of	able to
CAREFULLY (calculate; scrutinize)	calculate; scrutinize
carries his own weight	is self-supporting
catch on	spread
cause considerable confusion	baffle; confuse; perplex
cause TO HAPPEN	cause; trigger
causes damage	damages
CAUTIOUSLY optimistic	hopeful; optimistic
cavity	hole; pit; well
cease and desist	cease; desist; end; stop
center of attention	cynosure
certain	confident; exact; precise; sure
	a few; some
(CERTAIN; SOME) other	other
certified) preowned automobile	used car

CHANCES ARE (THAT)	(delete)
change rapidly	jerk; shift; turn; zig-zag
changed BUT little	changed little
• character's name	charname
characteristic	feature; property; side; trait
check (IT OUT; (AND; TO) SEE)	check; inspect; explore; see
check to see if it's true	confirm; verify
choose incorrectly	mischoose
choose to accept	accept
• cigarette smoke	cigsmoke
cinema; motion picture	film; flick; movie
circular; spherical	curved; round
circumlocute: circumvent	avoid; go around; hop; skip
clear TO SEE	clear; evident; visible
CLEARLY	(delete)
click the wrong button	misclick
climb UP	climb
close (IT) (DOWN; UP)	close
CLOSE approximation	estimate; guess
close AT HAND	close; handy; near
close PROXIMITY	around; close; near; next
CLOSE scrutiny	scrutiny
close to	about; almost; nearly; roughly
CLOSE TO impossible	unlikely
close to; just about; practically	almost; nearly
CLOSELY related	correlated; related

CLOSELY scrutinize	inspect; scrutinize
coerce; obligate; oblige	bully; force; make
cognizant; conscious	aware; feel; know; sense
collaborate	aid; assist; follow; help
collaborate WITH OTHERS	collaborate
collapse	brake; crack; end; flop; fold
colossal; enormous; massive	huge
combaTative	combative
combination	blend; combo; mixture; set
(come (on); walk) in	enter
COME TO AN end	die; end; halt; stop
come to an understanding	agree; concur; settle; shake
(come to; reach) an agreement	agree; concur; settle; shake
(come; bring; go; send) back	return
conform; follow; submit	comply; do; obey
commence	begin; start
commit; enter INTO	begin; enter; start
commonplace	common; ordinary; usual
common sense; obvious	logical; sensible; sound
commonly; generally; typically	often; usually
commonly unused (word)	rarely used (word)
commute (BACK AND FORTH; EACH WAY)	commute
comparable (to); resembles	equal; like; similar
COMPARATIVELY (better; worse)	better; worse
COMPARATIVELY (large; small)	larger; smaller

compare AND contrast	compare; contrast
(compared; next) to; in contrast	vis-a-vis
compartmentalize	classify; group; separate; sort
compensate; give money back	refund; repay
compete AGAINST ( _____ ; ONE ANOTHER)	
	attack; compete; fight; race
compete; contend)	argue; brawl; claim; fight
competitor	contestant; opponent; player
complement; harmonize	add to; blend; click; match
complicate	cloud; confuse; disguise
compilation	set
(COMPLETE; POLAR) opposite	inverse; opposite; reverse
complete; thorough	full; total
(COMPLETE; TOTAL) satisfaction	satisfaction
(COMPLETE; TOTAL) stranger	stranger
completed; finished	done; over
completely	all; fully; totally
COMPLETELY (annihilate; end)	annihilate; end; kill
COMPLETELY (certain; false; true)	certain; false; true
COMPLETELY (full; separate)	full; separate
COMPLETELY (unaware; useless)	unaware; useless
completely; thoroughly; totally	all; entire; fully; whole
complicated; difficult	complex; hard
compliment	admire; flatter; praise
complimentary	courtesy; free; pro bono
component; element	bit; block; brick; part; piece



comprehend; understand)	fathom; got it; grasp
comprises nine-percent	is 9%
conceal; not reveal; submerge	bury; cover; hide; mask; seal
concept	idea; notion
CONCERNING	(delete)
concerning	about; as to; for; in; on; re:
concerning THE MATTER OF	about; concerning; on
concise; succinct	brief; short; simple; terse
concluding; final; ultimate	closing; ending; last
conclusively; once and for all	finally; set
concurrently; during	as; jointly; together; while
(conduct; do) an investigation into	check, investigate; research
conducting; implementing	doing
confirm	check; prove; ratify; verify
confound; boggle the mind	baffle; perplex; puzzle; stun
conjure UP	conjure
connect TOGETHER	connect
connect; converge; rendezvous	join; meet; unite
connection	bridge; link; relationship; union
consensus OF OPINION	consensus
consequence	end; outcome; product; result
CONSEQUENTLY	(delete)
consider	ponder; see; study; weigh
(considerably; substantially) (affect; change; harm; minimize)	affect; change; harm; minimize
constant	regular; steady; stable; fixed

constitutes	is
constrain	curtail; limit; restrain; restrict
construct	build; edify; erect; make
construe; interpret	decipher; take; read; see
consume(r); consumption	use(r)
contains	has; holds; is; uses
contempt; disrespect	disdain; hatred; scorn
contiguous; side-by-side	(adjacent; next) to; follows
CONTINENT OF Africa	Africa; African continent
continue	go; keep; move; run; walk
continue being; remain	keep; stay
continue (ON; INTO THE FUTURE)	continue
continue; persevere; stick to (it)	keep
continuous; nonending	24-7; ceaseless; non-stop
continuous; perpetual	endless; non-stop; repeated
contract	deal; pact; treaty
	employ; hire; use
contribute	increase; edify; enlarge; give
CONTRIBUTING factor	cause; contributor; factor
convince; persuade; recruit	coax; enlist; get; sway; win
cool (DOWN; IT; (IT) OFF)	cool
correct; on target	good; okay; right; yes
correctional facility	jail; prison
could (IN FACT; POSSIBLY)	can; could; may; might
could OR COULD NOT	can; could; could not; might
countless; multitude	(hoards; lots) of; many

(crisis; emergency) SITUATION	crisis; emergency
(CRYSTAL; EXTRA; SUPER) clear	clear
culmination; high-point	apex; climax; peak; top
(CURRENT; POPULAR) trend	trend
currently	now
curvaceous; well-proportioned	attractive; pleasing; shapely
customIZED	custom
cutBACKS	cuts
cut-DOWN (ON); reduce	cut; lessen; limit; trim
cutting off; finishing	ending
dates BACK to	dates to; is dated
day in, day out; everyday	daily; regular(ly); routine(ly)
deal with; face UP TO	confront; face; meet; tackle
debilitate; incapacitate	harm; hurt; injure; weaken
deceased	dead; finished; gone
deceive; disinform	con; fib; fool; lie; scam; trick
DECEPTIVELY easy	easy
decide	choose; pick; select
decide not to do	forgo; not do
declare; inform; notify	say; tell; state
DEFINITELY	(delete)
(DEFINITELY; TRULY; VERY)	shocking
definition	meaning
defraud; embezzle	cheat; dupe; steal; trick
degree of separation	apart; distance
deleterious	bad; deadly; lethal; toxic

delicious; mouthwatering	tasty
delineate	draw; sketch
deliver	bring; give; put-out; take
delusion; fallacy; false statement	error; lie; myth; story
demonstrate	confirm; prove; show; verify
demonstrates; confirms	proves; says; shows; tells
demonSTRATION	demo
(deny; deprive of) attention	ignore; shun; snub
(depending on) whether or not	<i>if [ an italic might be necessary to</i>
	<i>signal the start of the concise alternative word ]</i>
deplorable; reprehensible	bad; evil; sick; ugly; wrong
depreciate IN VALUE	depreciate; devalue
deprive of; hold back; hold off; negate; not give; take away	deny; rob; steal
derail; distract; prevent	deter; stop
(design; engineer; think) again	redesign; reengineer; rethink
desire	hope; need; seek; want; wish
(desist; refrain) from	cease; curb; end; halt; stop
despite the fact that; although	but; though
destitute; impoverished; indigent	lowly; needy; poor
detain; retain	arrest; hold; keep; seize
detect	hear; see; sense; spot; touch
detect difference(s)	differentiate; distinguish; sort
deteriorate	drop; fade; fail; fall; worsen
detoxify	clean; clear; detox; purify

- device or mechanism that *impossibilitates* errors

	<i>error impossibilitator</i>
dictatorial; domineering	bossy; brash; nervy; pushy
did BEFORE	did
DID (eat, etc.)	(eat; etc.)
did DO	did
did not have (any)	had no
DID YOU KNOW (THAT)	(delete)
didn't help (matters) IN ANY WAY	didn't help (matters)
did not work	bombed; failed; flopped
• different	<i>diff</i>
different (KIND; TYPE; WAY)	different; kind; type; way
different than	dissimilar; unlike
differentiate; distinguish	compare; sort; tell apart
(difficult; hard) TO DO	difficult; hard
difficult; not easy	hard; trying
dimension	realm
diminish; dwindle	drop; lessen; reduce; shrink
disappear FROM (SIGHT; VIEW)	ebb; fade; go; vanish; wane
disappointment	hitch; reversal; setback; upset
disarray; disorder	chaos; knot; mess
disclose; disseminate; divulge	alert; inform; notify; say; tell
discombobulated	gawky; graceless; clumsy
disconnected; isolated	alone; apart; free; lone; solo
discourage	block; deter; prevent; stop
disempower	cheat; crush; weaken; sicken
disguised	hidden; masked; veiled

display; exhibit; indicate	give; show; tell
disposable; single-use	one-use; plastic
disproportionate; unbalanced	disparate; lopsided, wonky
disruptive; obstreperous	disorderly; hostile; unruly
distant	far
distinctIVE	distinct
(DISTINCTIVELY) well mannered	well mannered
distract; sidetrack	change; divert; sway; shift
disturb; perturb	bug; jerk; jolt; shock; upset
diverse; heterogeneous	eclectic, varied, mixed
divide UP; separate	cut; divide; halve; split
do (it) (again; over)	redo; repeat
DO A calculation	calculate
do it later	defer; delay; stall; postpone
do better (than someone (else))	beat; excel; outdo; top
(do it; (repeat; say it) AGAIN	copy; echo; reiterate; repeat
do not agree	disagree; never; no
do not (bother; disturb; disrupt)	leave alone
do not have anything to do	have nothing to do
do not (have; need) to	need not
do not (like; want); despise	abhor; dislike; detest; hate
do not (recall; remember)	forget
do not EVER	do not; never
do not forget	learn; recall; remember
do not respect	belittle; disrespect; hurt; insult
does not stop	continues; keeps going

do not trust	distrust; doubt; fear; suspect
do THAT; execute (it)	do (it; so)
DO you have	have you
do you REALLY mean it	do you mean it
do you REALLY want to	do you want to
does call	calls
does (exist; happen; matter)	exists; happens; matters
does it matter OR NOT	does it matter
does not believe; is incredulous	disbelieves; doubts; suspects
does not have (much) confidence	distrusts; doubts; suspects
does not know	knows not
does not know what he is doing	is (incompetent; inept; unapt)
doing that	doing so
doing well	fine
domestic worker	servant
dominate; overpower	control; master; rule; steer
dominates, prevails	reigns; rules
don't do anything	do nothing; freeze
don't eat ANY animals	don't eat animals
don't move; hold it (right there)	freeze; halt; stop
don't pay attention to	avoid; ignore; shun; tune-out
doomed TO (FAIL; PERISH)	doomed; gone; hopeless; lost
dorsal	back; hind; rear; spinal
dosage	dose
double (entendre; meaning)	ambiguity; hint; innuendo
dovetail(ed) TOGETHER	dovetail(ed)

down to A MINIMUM OF	down to; left with; the least
downfall; demise	drop; end; fall; ruin
DOWNRIGHT (disrespectful; etc.)	disrespectful; etc.
draw your attention to	focus on; point (at; out); show
drive a wedge between	divide; separate; split(-up)
driving force; engine	impetus; motive; reason
drop dead; disappear	die; go; perish
drop DOWN; plummet	dive; drop; fall; sink
due to the fact that	because
due to the fact that	after; because; since; when
dull IN APPEARANCE	dull
dumb DOWN	dumb; retard; stupefy
duplicate; repeat; replicate	copy; echo; redo
during (THE TIME THAT)	in: when; while; during
during the course of	in; during; while
(during; in a way; through) which	whereby
dysfunction	error; flaw; glitch; mistake
dysfunctional	bad; damaged; broken; flawed
each (AND EVERY) (ONE)	all; each; every
each (OF; ONE)	each
each one of (his; us; them; you)	each of (his; us; them; you)
each SEPARATE incident	each incident
easily done	easy TO (DO; FIGURE OUT)
easy to (figure out; see)	no brainer
echelon; position; stratum	class; height; level; rank; tier
ECONOMIC consequences	(cash; money) consequences



economically deprived (zone)	poor (neighborhood)
educational institution	school; college
EITHER (Dick or Jane; this or that)	Dick; Jane; this; that
either ONE (OF THEM)	either
eliminate ALTOGETHER	delete; end; kill; no; remove
eliminate THE NEED TO	avoid; avert; eliminate; skip
elongated; protracted	long; prolix; unconcise; wordy
• email	(E)
emotionally disturbed person	crazy; EDP; nuts; off; whacky
empirical; experiential; practical	factual; real; true; valid
employment; occupation	career; job; trade; work
empower	allow; approve; edify; help
emulate; imitate; mirror	ape; copy; match; mimic
ENcircle; surround	circle
enclosed (HEREIN; HERewith)	(enclosed; here) is
encounter	ask; face; tell; meet; see
encourage	help; prod; support; urge
encumbrance; impairment	block; burden; challenge; load
end a life; murder; slaughter	kill; slay
end a phone call	hang up
end UP; find oneself	end; turn out; wind up
(END; FINAL) result	end; outcome; product; result
(end; stop) a habit	dehabituate; wean
endeavor; attempt	do; seek; try; work
ENEMY targets (WHICH; WHO) ARE hidden	hidden targets

engage in; perform	do; make
enquire; inquire; question	ask
enthrall; captivate; mesmerize	get; grab; grip; hook; trap
entire	full; whole
Entitled	titled
entitlement	claim; title; power; right
Enumerate	numerate
equal	analogous; like; same; similar
(equal; identical) to one another	equal; identical; the same
equitable; impartial; unbiased	ethical; fair; just
eradicate COMPLETELY	delete; end; eradicate; stop
erode AWAY	erode
error	slip
erstwhile	ex-, former, last, one time
Especially	specially
essence	gist; heart; soul
essential; indispensable	basic; crucial; key; needed
establish	create; found; set-up; start
eternal; infinite; interminable	no end; unending
EVEN	(delete)
even if that were the case	even so
eventually	in time; one day; someday
EVER imagined	imagined
EVER since	since
every CONCEIVABLE angle	every angle
every (day; night; month; year)	daily; nightly; monthly; yearly

every (day; week; month; year)	daily; weekly; monthly; yearly
every hour	hourly
every SINGLE day; week; month)	every (day; week; month)
every SINGLE (day; week; month)	daily; weekly; monthly
every SINGLE (one)	all; each (one); every
every (SINGLE) time	always; every time
every so often	occasionally; sometimes
everybody	all (of us); everyone; we all
everyone	we all
everyone knows that	(it is; that is) obvious
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT	(delete)
(everything that is) needed	wherewithal
everything THAT (he; she; they)	everything (he; she; they)
everything WHICH he said	everything he said
everywhere; always	omnipresent; ubiquitous
evidence TO SUPPORT THAT)	evidence; proof
EVIDENTLY	(delete)
evolve OVER TIME	adapt; change; evolve; shift
exacerbate; escalate; intensify	impair; worsen
exact(LY THE) same	equal; exact; identical; match
examination	exam; test
EXACTLY sure	certain; clear; sure
exceedingly; exceptionally	extra; highly; super; ultra
except (for; when)	but, excepting; excluding; save
EXCESS verbiage; prolixity	verbiage; verbosity; wordiness
excessive (NUMBER)	excess; surplus; too many

execute; perform	act; do
EXECUTIVE summary	summary
exhausted; stressed OUT	beat; stressed; tired; weary
exorbitantly priced; expensive	costly; posh; pricy; steep
experiment	check; see; test; try
EXPERIMENTALLY	(delete)
expire; pull the plug	die, elapse; end; kill; stop
explore	check; investigate; see; study
express (1)	inform; say; tell
express (2)	direct; fast; non-stop
EXPRESS regret	regret
expression	idiom; phrase; saying; word
extend an invitation to	ask; call; invite; welcome
(extend; keep in) childhood	infantilize; retard; stunt
extensive	vast
extent; degree; magnitude	breath; scope; size; span
exterior; (EXTERNAL) surface	cover; hide; mask; skin
exterminate; obliterate	kill; slay; slaughter
EXTRA (careful; meticulous)	careful; meticulous; fussy
extra-big; immense; oversize	huge; jumbo
extraordinary	best; super; superb; top
extremely	extra; so; super; ultra; very
EXTREMELY (common; popular)	common; popular
extricate	cancel; free; pull-out; remove
FACE-TO-face	in-person
facilitate	aid; ease; give; help; support

faction; offshoot; section	block; group; part(y); side
facts AND figures	data; facts; figures; numbers
fail to (comply with; follow)	breach; defy; disobey; violate
failure; idler; loafer; slacker	bum; dud; flop; fool; loser
failure; malfunction	bug; error; fail; flaw, glitch
fait accompli	done
fall DOWN	fall
fallacious	fake; false; lie; phony
FALSE (pretenses; intentions)	cover; mask; pretenses; tricks
false statement; untruth	fib; lie; story; tale
far AWAY (from)	far (from)
FAR beyond; more than	beyond
far-(AWAY; OFF)	far
FAR FROM	not
fashion; manner; version	form; style; type; wave; way
• to make fashionable	fashionize
fatally injure	kill; slay; slaughter
favoritism; prejudice; preference	bias
fear FACTOR	fear
• feel beforehand	forefeel
few AND FAR BETWEEN	few; infrequent; rare; scarce
few(er) IN NUMBER	few; less
few are aware	few know
fifty percent; one out of two	½; 0.5; 50%; (a; one) half
fight AGAINST the enemy	fight the enemy
fill it UP	fill it

fill TO CAPACITY	fill
filter OUT; separate	block; filter; select; sort
FINAL conclusion; decision	conclusion; decision
FINAL outcome; product	outcome; product; result
FINAL ultimatum	ultimatum
FINALLY	(delete)
FINALLY complete(d)	complete(d)
financially well off	rich, wealthy
finish; no more; (that's) enough	cease; close; end; over; stop
FIRM commitment	commitment
FIRMLY commit(ted)	commit(ted)
FIRMLY established	established; proven; set; solid
for long(er) periods of time	for more time
found OUT	found
first (EVER; OFF OF ALL)	first
first AND FOREMOST	first
FIRST conceive	conceive; dream; imagine
fix it UP	fix it
FLAT OUT (deny; say; state)	deny; say; state
flip AROUND	flip
fluctuate	see-saw; wiggle; zig-zag
fly-by-night	suspect; suspicious; unreliable
focus IN on	focus on
follower; inductee; useful fool	buff; convert; fan; recruit
for a limited time	for now; temporarily
FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES(delete)	

for any reason WHATSOEVER	for any reason
FOR BETTER OR WORSE	(delete)
• for example	f.e.
for fear that	lest
FOR free	free
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE	(delete)
FOR ME	(delete)
for the (simple) reason that	after; because; due to; since
for the duration of	during; through; while
for the most part	mostly; usually
for THE PURPOSE of	for; to
for THE SUM OF	for
for the time being	for now; (in the) meantime
FOR VARIETY'S SAKE	(delete)
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	(delete)
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000	for \$2,000
FOREIGN imports	imports
foreseeable future	(specify the number of years)
FOREstall	block; foil; hinder; stall
FOREwarn	warn
FORMERLY (taught; worked; etc.)	(taught; worked; etc.)
formulate	concoct; craft; devise; invent
FORTUNATELY	(delete)
FREE gift	gift
free of error(s)	error-free
FREEZING COLD	freezing

from beginning to end	entirely; throughout; totally
from dawn till dusk	all day
from here (FORWARD; ON IN)	from (here; now on)
from June UNTIL August	from June to August
from now (on)	hence; so
from start to finish	entirely; throughout; totally
from that (day; moment) ON	since (then)
from that time	since
from this (day; moment) on	from now on; hence; so
from time to time	occasionally; sometimes
from today ON	as of now; from today
from top to bottom	completely; fully; thoroughly
frown UPon	frown on
FROZEN ice	ice
for years TO COME	for years
full capacity	full; to capacity
FULL potential	potential
function; operate	do; give; move; run; work
fundamental	basic; core; essence; root
FUNDAMENTAL principle	principle
(further; more) than	beyond; exceeding
furthermore	also, and, besides, still
GAIN entry INTO	enter
gain SOME momentum	gain momentum
GENERAL (public; rule)	public; rule
GENERAL consensus	consensus



generate; produce	create; deliver; give; put out
generate more sales	sell more
get a (grip; handle) on	comprehend; get it; grasp
GET accustomed to	accustom; get used to
get at	discover; find; reach; uncover
get away with (it; murder)	be unaccountable; escape
get in the way of	interfere; impede; intrude
get in touch with	call; contact; phone; touch
get in touch with your feelings	identify your emotions
get it off (my; your) chest	dump; expel; oust; vent
get it off the ground	do; launch; move; start
get it out of your system	blow; dump; expel; spit; vent
get on my nerves	annoy; bother; bug; harass
get ready	plan; prepare
get the ball rolling	begin; do it; go; move; start
get the show on the road	begin; do it; go; move; start
get the word out	publicize; warn; tell others
get to the bottom of this	analyze; scrutinize; study
get used to	acclimate; adapt; assimilate
get wind of	learn; hear; see; sense; smell
give (permission; the green light)	allow; go; let; okay; permit
GIVE AN estimate	estimate; guess; suppose
give an indication of	hint; indicate; say; show; tell
give and take	hobnob; interact; reciprocate
give bad advice masked as good	misadvise
give birth to; propagate	engender; spawn; spread

GIVE consideration TO	consider; listen to; look at
give credit to the wrong person	misattribute; miscredit
give emphasis to	emphasize; highlight; point out
give it a try; try it (out)	check; see; taste; study; test
give the brush off	avoid; flee; reject; shun
give the runaround	confuse; doubletalk; fool; lie
given the fact that	because; due to; since
go against the grain	defy; oppose; resist; violate
GO AHEAD AND do it	do it
go along with	aid; follow; please; support
go AND get (it; some)	go get (it; some)
go downhill	dip; dive; drop; slide; worsen
go FORWARD; proceed	dash; go; hop; run; walk; fly
GO INTO A panic	panic; freak (out)
go RIGHT ahead	do it; go ahead; okay; yes
go to bat for	aid; back; defend; support
go (to; see)	(G)
go; range) ANYWHERE from	go from; start(s) at
go; range) from one-inch IN SIZE	(go; range) from one-inch
goes off	sounds
GOES TO show	proves; reveals; shows
goes without saying	is (known; obvious)
good for whom	“cui bono”; who benefits
good morning; hello	hi
good; positive) (features; side)	the good (side); upside
GOT (divorced; married)	divorced; married; split up

got whatEVER he could

got; have; need) to

- govERNMENT

gradual decline into disorder

gradually; incrementally

gravitate toWARD

greatest

grow IN SIZE

HAD (called; come; done; fallen)

had (not) been

had not EVEN

hand-in-hand; simultaneously

hang; hold) on; hold it

HAPPEN(S) to like

happening; occurring

happening again

happens to be; has

has (done; found; said; taken)

has; have) ((got); needs) to

has a lot to do with

has a tendency to

has been (informed; notified)

has no

has no; lacks) tact

has not remained constant

has nothing to do with

got what he could

must

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decay; decline; entropy

slowly; step-by-step

gravitate to

best; top

boom; grow; increase

(called; came; did; fell)

(was; were) (not)

had not

jointly; together

halt; pause; stop; wait

like(s)

being (done); doing; going on

recurring; reoccurring

is

did; found; said; took

must

(contributes; is related) to

tends to

was (informed; notified)

lacks; needs

is (candid; gross; untactful)

has changed

is (unconnected; unrelated) to

has several meanings	is multisense
(has; have) the ability to	can; could; may; might; will
has to do with	concerns; is (about; on)
(HAS; HAVE) (begun; started)	began; started
(HAS; HAVE) arrived	arrived; (is; are) here
hasn't (yet) decided (yet)	is (undecided; vacillating)
HAVE (asked; heard; seen; sent)	asked; heard; saw; sent
have an adverse effect on	harm; hurt; injure; set back
have an effect on	influence; persuade; steer
have GOT; need) to	have to; must; need to
((has; have) to); must) have	need
having some repairs done	(getting; having) it repaired
having SOME work done	having work done
(having such a quality; qualities)	in nature; innately; intuitively
he came in and HE ate	he came in and ate
he did DO it	he did it
he did it HIMSELF	he did it
HE NOT ONLY ate, HE ALSO drank	he ate and drank
he was in college AT THE TIME	he was in college
he is still (IN THE PROCESS OF) adapting TO THE CHANGES	
he is still adapting	
(hear; listen to) THE SOUND OF	hear
heart OF THE MATTER	heart
heat UP	heat
help (OUT)	aid; assist; help
help him TO succeed	help him succeed

helps	allows; lets
henceFORTH	hence
HERE in Egypt	in Egypt
HERE IS THE THING	(delete)
heretofore	since; (so; thus) far; still; yet
HERETOFORE unimagined	unimagined
HEY	(delete)
hide their heads in the sand	flee; hide; isolate; withdraw
hierarchy; PECKING order	levels; order; ranking; status
high-resolution	high-res
hindrance; obstacle	barrier; block; hurdle; wall
his car HIS house	his car and house
his not being able to	his inability
hit the road	depart; go; leave; scat; scoot
hitherto; previously	to date; until now; (as of) yet
hold (it; on)	freeze; halt; stop; wait
HOLD A (conference; meetING)	confer; gather; meet
hold ON TO	grab; grasp; hold; keep; retain
HONESTLY	(delete)
horrendous; horrible, terrible	bad; ugly; wrong
HOT water heater	water heater
how (far; much)	level; to what (degree; extent)
how come	why
how DID THAT come ABOUT	how (come; did); why (did)
how IN THE WORLD	how
how much time	how long

HOW SHALL WE SAY	(delete)
(how; why) is it that	how; why
however	but; still; though
human being	person
HUMAN BEINGS	humans; people; they; us; we
human race	humanity; humans; people; we
• hydrotherapy	water therapy
is HAVING AN EFFECT ON	is (affecting; effecting)
I AM CALLING TO SAY THAT	(delete)
I am afraid so	yes
(I am certain; believe; think)	I (feel; think; saw; heard)
I (AM CERTAIN; KNOW) (THAT)	(delete)
I AM CONVINCED THAT	(delete)
I am free; have the power) to	I can
I am NOW	I am; I (began; started)
I AM TAKING; I WILL TAKE) THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY	
I am using	I use
I ASK MYSELF	(ask the question)
(I BELIEVE; KNOW; SUSPECT; THINK) (THAT)	
(I BELIEVE; THINK) I don't need	I don't need
I (CAN; NOW) SEE THAT	(delete)
I (did; do) enjoy it	I enjoy(ed) it
(I comprehend; understand)	got it; okay
(I; it) continue(s) increasing	I; it) increase(s)
I DO (believe; hope; think; etc.)	I (believe; hope; think; etc.)
I don't think so	I think not; no

IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT	(delete)
I (GOTTA; HAVE TO) TELL YOU	(delete)
I have (added; done; spoken)	I (added; did; spoke)
I have been here BEFORE	I have been here
I (have been; was) informed	I was told
(I; they; we) HAVE done it	(I; they; we) did it
I HEARD (THAT) she said	she said
I heard her (say; scream; shout)	she (said; screamed; shouted)
I heard her say	she said
I JUST REALIZED (AGAIN) THAT	(delete)
I (KNOW; THINK) THAT	(delete)
(I MIGHT AS WELL; WILL) ADD THAT	(delete)
I MYSELF	I
I NOW (feel; know; realize; see)	I (feel; know; realize; see)
I (AM CERTAIN; BELIEVE; POSIT; SUSPECT; THINK)	it (is; was) a
I POSIT THAT	(delete)
I promise to	I will (always; never)
I REALLY have to	I (have go to; must; will)
I saw him do it MYSELF	I saw him do it
I SAW (THAT) she was	she was
I SUSPECT	(delete)
I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT	(delete)
I WANT TO (SAY; TELL YOU) THAT	(delete)

I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT

I (want; would) like to know (delete)

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT (delete)

I WAS THINKING: WONDERING) (delete)

I WONDER (ask the question)

I WONDER how innovative it is how innovative is it

I would use a colon INSTEAD I would use a colon

I'll call you LATER I'll call you

I'll give her the most I CAN I'll give her the most

I'LL GIVE YOU A call I'll call you

I'LL TELL YOU THAT (delete)

(I WILL; WOULD) SAY THAT (delete)

I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT  
(delete)

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT (delete)

I WOULD SAY (delete)

I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO (SAY)

I WOULDN'T SAY \_\_\_\_\_ (delete; or say its opposite?)

IF ANYTHING (delete)

if I had had I

IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD (delete)

if I would have known had I known

if it were not for but for

if not or

IF POSSIBLE (delete)

(if; when) the need arises (if; when) needed



IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL (ABOUT IT)

(delete)

if (it; that) WERE TO HAPPEN

if (it; that) happened

illogical; (self; other)-destructive

dumb; senseless; stupid

illustrate

clarify; depict; paint; show

imitation

(illegal) copy; knockoff

immediately; instantly

now; right (away; now)

IMMEDIATELY following

after

immense utility

usefulness

implement

apply; do; use

important

big; hot; key; major; top

improbable

dubious; unlikely

improve

better; correct; develop; fix

IT COULD BE SAID THAT

(delete)

in alphabetical order

alphabetically

in (EXCHANGE; RETURN) for

for; to (get)

IN (MAGNITUDE; SIZE; VOLUME)

(delete)

in (what; which) other way

how else

in a class (all) by itself

special; unique; unmatched

in a constant state of flux

(always; constantly) changing

in a different way

differently

in a nutshell

briefly; in summary; simply

in a similar (vein; way)

comparably, equally; similarly

in a timely (fashion; manner)

on time; punctually; quick

IN A VERY REAL SENSE

(delete)

in addition

also; and; with

in all (likelihood; probability)	(most) likely; probably
in all but	except
IN ALL HONESTY	(delete)
IN AN (ATTEMPT; EFFORT) to	for; to
IN AND OF itself	alone; (by) itself; stand alone
in any case	anyhow; anyway; so; whatever
in any number of ways	in other ways
in back of	after; behind; following
in case	if; lest
in close proximity	near; nigh
in compliance with	following; obeying; under
IN CONCLUSION; TO CONCLUDE	(delete)
in conjunction with	and; both; jointly; with
in connection with	about; concerning; for; on
in excess of	exceeds; more than
in favor of; supporting	for; pro-
IN height; IN width	high; wide
in his own world	self-absorbed; self-centered
in hot water	imperiled; in (danger; trouble)
in June OF 1972	in June 1972
(in) less time	faster; quicker; snap; sooner
in lieu of	for; instead of
in light of the fact that	because; considering; due to
in most cases; most of the time	often; typically; usually
in most instances	often; typically; usually
in my (estimation; opinion)	I (believe; feel; think); for me

In my (humble) opinion	I (think; believe; suspect)
in no time (at all)	boom; fast; quick; snap
in no way, shape, or form	never; (not) at all; (in) no way
IN ONE WORD	(delete)
in opposition to; against	defies; hates; opposes; rejects
IN ORDER (for; that; to)	for; so; to
in other words; said differently	namely; that is
in place of	for
IN PLAIN ENGLISH	(delete)
in private	alone; privately; secretly
in proximity to	close; near; next; nigh
in pursuit of	chasing; following; tracking
in reference to	about; as to; as for; in; on
IN REALITY	in fact; or (delete)
in regards to	about; as to; as for; in; on
IN RETROSPECT, I misspoke	I misspoke
IN SHORT	(delete)
in short supply	few; little; scant; rare; scarce
IN similar WAYS	similarly
IN SITUATIONS (when; where)	if; for; on; when; where
IN SO doing	doing (it; so; that)
in some way(s)	a little; somehow; somewhat
in spite of (the fact that)	but; despite; still; though; yet
in SUCH a way THAT	in a way; (so as) to; so that
IN SUMMARY	(delete)
in summary; essentially	basically; briefly; simply

in support of	aiding; favoring; helping; pro-
in the best case SCENARIO	at best; in the best case
IN TERMS OF	(delete)
in terms of	about; as to; on; regarding
in that	because; due to; since
in that case	so; then; there
in (that; this) case	here; now; today
in (that; this) day and age	now; (these; those) days
in (that; this) direction	away from; to; toward
(in) that way	thus; so; thereby
in the (amount; sum) of	for; totaling
in the (capacity; role) of	as; while
in the (interim; interval)	for now; meanwhile
in the (manner; way) of	as; à la; like
in the (middle; midst) of	amid; among; between
in the (VERY) near future	soon; next month; next spring
in the absence of	lacking; without; missing
IN THE afterMATH OF 911	after; following; post-911
in the beginning; at the outset	at first; initially
in the best of all possible worlds	ideally; in (a) utopia; perfectly
in the company of	next to; along with
in the course of	during; in; on; over; while
in the course of the day	during the day; today
in the end	basically; finally; ultimately
in the event (that; of)	if; in case; should; when
in the final analysis	after all; finally; ultimately

in the first place	first
in the immediate future	soon; next (week; month; year)
IN THE long (run; term)	eventually; long (run; term)
in the meantime	ad hoc; for now; temporarily
IN THE PROCESS OF	(delete)
in the wake of 911	after; following; post-911
in THE YEAR 2037	in 2037
IN TIME	(delete)
in this day and age	at present; here; now; today
in view of the fact that	because; due to; since
in which	where
(in; on) WHICH	upon; where
it (is; was) A good THING	it (is; was) good
nadequate	bad; inept; out; unfit; useless
INADVERTENT; UNEXPECTED; UNINTENTIONAL) error	error
inappropriate	bad; not okay; out; wrong
incite	get; make; prod; prompt; stir
income; remuneration	fee; pay; money; salary
incomparable; one-of-a-kind)	best; only; top; unique
INCONTROVERTIBLY	(delete)
incorrect or false cognition	miscognition
incorrect; fallacious; untrue	bad; false; out; wrong
incorrectly capitalize a word	miscapitalize
incorrectly inform	deceive; lie; misinform
incorrectly; falsely) accuse	misaccuse

increase	boom; grow; spread; sprout
increase to the maximum	maximize
INCREDIBLE—BUT TRUE	(delete)
INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT dilemma	dilemma
INCREDIBLY	(delete)
incrementally; one step at a time	gradually; step-by-step
indefatigable; persistent	diligent; dogged; tireless
INDEED	(delete)
indentation	cavity; gouge; hole; indent; pit
indicate; point out	say; show; tell; state
indicates	means
indiscriminate; different	diverse, mixed, motley, varied
indispensable	basic, crucial, essential, vital
INDISPUTABLY	(delete)
individual	child; man; person; woman
individuals	humans; people; persons; we
induce; seduce; enchant	flirt; grab; hook; lure; trap
inelegant; maladroit; unskillful	clumsy; dud; gawky; inept
inexpensive; affordable	cheap; low cost
infinitesimal; microscopic	minute; teeny; tiny; wee
influence	control; power; pull; sway
inform; notify	show; tell
• infoRMATION	info
infrastructure	core; base; frame; setup
ingenious	canny; clever; nifty; smart
INHERENTLY unfair	unfair

initially	(at) first
(INNATE; INHERITED) talent	talent
• innovation	new way
innately	born
input; involvement	clout; say; sway; voice; vote
ins and outs; particulars	details; facts; points; specifics
insensitive; unresponsive	dead; dull; dumb; numb
insert; penetrate; slide(put)-in	stick
inside (and) out; thoroughly	all; completely; fully; totally
inSIDE (OF); thereIN	at; in (it); there
instance; occurrence	event; example; time
instantaneous(ly)	instant(ly)
insufficient	lack of, not enough; scarce;
intelligent	able; bright; sharp; smart
intentional	on purpose
INTENTIONALLY; ON PURPOSE	(usually delete)
intentionally falsely inform	disinform
interesting TO NOTE	interesting; interestingly
INTERESTINGLY (ENOUGH)	(delete)
interfere; obstruct; prevent	block; hinder; thwart
interfering; intrusive; invasive	nos(e)y; prying; snoopy
interlocutor	host; presenter; speaker
interpret (incorrectly; wrong)	misunderstand; misinterpret
intimidator; tormentor	aggressor; bully; tyrant
introduce (a) NEW	begin; initiate; introduce; start
introduce FOR THE FIRST TIME	introduce

- introduction

intuition; premonition

investigate

INVITED guest

involving several physical senses

IR)regardless

IRONICALLY

IRREFUTABLY

IRREGARDLESS; REGARDLESS

irrespective of

is (about to; going to)

is (acquainted; familiar) with

is (advantageous; beneficial) to

is (afraid; scared; terrified) of

is (based; built) on

is (characteristic; typical) of

is (defined as; said to be)

is (disposed; ready; willing) to

is (found; said) to be; has been

is (helpful; helping)

is (in violation of; violating)

is most beneficial

is (prone; used) to; tends to

is (SOMETIMES) BEING used to

is a (consequence; result) of

is (a carcinogen; cancer-causing)

intro

(gut) feeling; hunch

find out

guest; invitee; visitor

multisensory

(any; either) way; regardless

(delete)

(delete)

(delete)

despite; regardless; whatever

will

knows; (speaks; talks) with

aids; benefits; helps; supports

dreads; fears; flees; hates

(comes; is; sprouts) from

characterizes; typifies

is; equals; means

can; could; may; might; will

is; is not

aids; benefits; helps; supports

counters; defies; violates

benefits

can; does; may; might; will

is (doing; used to)

(comes; results) from; follows

causes cancer



is a combination of	blends; combines; joins; mixes
is a deterrent to	blocks; deters; prevents; stops
is (a hindrance; an obstacle) to	blocks; impedes; slows; stops
is a reflection of	reflects; shows
is able to	can; does
is an acquaintance of	knows; (speaks; talks) with
is an illustration of	shows; reveals
is (a barrier; an impediment) to	blocks; prevents; thwarts
is an indication of	indicates; is; reveals; shows
is at odds (with; over)	disagrees; fights; opposes
is (at variance with; contrary to)	counters; disagrees; opposes
is aware (of (the fact)) (that)	heard; knows; saw; smelt
is beneficial to	aids; benefits; favors; helps
is capable of	can; could; may; might; will
is cognizant (of the fact) that	feels; knows; realizes; senses
is comparable	is like
is compatible with	enjoys; harmonizes; likes
is complementary to	complements; goes with
is comprised of	comprises; contains; has; holds
is concerned with	(cares; is) about; concerns
is conducive to; results in	conduces; induces; leads
is consistent with	agrees with; follows; obeys
is contingent (on; UPon)	(depends; hinges; rides) on
is dependent on	(depends; hinges; relies) on
is describes as BEING _____	is; is described as _____
is detrimental to	damages; harms; hurts; slows

is different (BECAUSE; IN THAT)	is different(, it _____)
is different from	differs from; is not
is effective in its ability to sense	detects; hears; sees; senses
is going to	will
is in (the) possession of	has; holds; owns; possesses
is in conflict with	(clashes; conflicts) with
is in defiance OF	defies; flouts; ignores; resists
is in need of	desires; needs; wants; wishes
is indicative of	indicates; shows; reveals; says
is it possible to	can; may
(IS IT: IT IS) POSSIBLE THAT	(delete)
is not going to	will not; won't
is NOW arriving	is (arriving; coming)
is now employed at	works (at; for; on)
is of the opinion	believes; suspects; thinks
is predisposed to	is (known; prone; ready) to
is NOW underway	is underway
is (VERY) revitalizing	renews; revitalize(d; s)
is SEEN AS (BEING) (a role model)	is (a role model)
is (skilled; an expert) (at)	can; does; knows how to
IS SOMETHING (THAT; WHICH) is	is
is there; might there be a way	how; what is the way
is there SUCH A THING AS	is there; does (it; that) exist
is well aware (of; that)	(knows; understands) that
I WOULD SAY (THAT)	(delete)
I'M HERE TO (SAY; STATE) (THAT)	(delete)

IT DAWNED ON ME (THAT)	(delete)
It hit me LIKE A BRICK	it hit me
IT (ENTAILS; INVOLVES)	(delete) alphabetize this line
IT (IS; WAS) A TIME WHEN	(delete)
IT (RE)OCCURRED TO ME THAT	(delete)
it DOES (help; work)	it (helps; works)
it does not appeal to me	I (do not like; do not want) it
it DOES sound nice	it sounds nice
IT FEELS LIKE	(delete)
IT GOES TO SHOW (YOU) THAT	(delete)
it is caused by	_____ causes it
IT IS CLEAR TO SEE THAT	(delete)
it is CONSIDERED (TO BE) a (REAL)it is a	
it is happening NOW	it is happening
IT IS HELPFUL TO (KEEP IN MIND; NOTE; REMEMBER) THAT	
it is highly likely that	it is probable that; probably
IT IS IMPORTANT TO (KNOW; NOTE; REMEMBER) THAT	
it is known (to; that)	it is (a fact; true) that
it is my ambition to	I (plan; (hope; want) to; will)
IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT	(delete)
it is POSSIBLE AND easy to	it is easy to
it is possible to	(he; I; she; they; we; you) can
it is unnecessary to	do not; you need not
It is very simple; simply put; in one word	
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT	(delete)
IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN (IF; WHETHER)	

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT	(delete)
it should be (noted; pointed out) that	
	(note; notice; see) that
IT WAS he WHO called	he called
it WAS invented BY Tesla	Tesla invented it
it was MORE OR LESS good	it (was; was not) good
IT WILL SURPRISE YOU TO LEARN THAT	
(it; that) IS WHAT causes	(it; that) causes
IT IS A (DEVICE; INSTRUMENT; TOOL) THAT IS (OFTEN)	
USED TO CLEAN	it cleans
IT'S CLEAR TO SEE THAT	(delete)
IT'S ENTIRELY UP TO YOU, AND (ONLY) YOU (ALONE)	
IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT	interestingly
IT'S JUST THAT	(delete)
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE	
Its purpose is to show	it shows
join; mesh TOGETHER	mesh; network; weave
(joke; play) AROUND	jest; joke; gag; play; spoof
JUST (as; like)	as; like
JUST in time	(in; on) time
JUST right	exact; perfect; right
keep (DOING (IT); GOING; IT UP)	continue; keep; persist
keep (doing; making; repeating)	do; make; repeat
keep in mind	consider; recall; remember
key (FACTOR; POINT; REASON)	key; factor; point; reason
kick the bucket	die; pass away

(KIND OF; SORT OF) unplanned	unforeseen; unplanned
kneel DOWN	kneel
known AS BEING	know (as; to be)
knows HOW TO (DO)	can; is an expert; knows
labor	work
lacks sensitivity	is (insensitive; numb)
lag(s) BEHIND	lag(s)
large	big
large numbers of people	droves, masses; multitudes
LAST (Monday; Tuesday)	(Monday; Tuesday)
LAST BUT NOT LEAST	(delete)
LASTING legacy	legacy
LASTLY	(delete)
later ON	later
lawbreaker; perpetrator	convict; criminal; felon; thief
leave it as it is; ignore it	stet
led to believe otherwise	lied to; misled
LENGTH OF time	how long; (how much) time
less OFTEN	less
LET ME SAY THAT	(delete)
LET ME TELL YOU (THAT)	(delete)
let's JUST wait and see	let's wait and see
... LETS SAY,	(delete)
levels OF sensitivity	sensitivity levels
lift UP	lift; raise
light blue	cyan

like	as
LIKE (EVERYTHING ELSE; MOST THINGS)	
like (a; an) (idiot; wise man)	idiotically; wisely
limited number	few; rare; scant; scarce
LIMITED TO only 9	only 9
line of demarcation	border
LIST OF choices, etc.	choices ,etc.
list of tasks one must do	checklist
LISTEN TO (ME; THAT; THIS)	(delete)
LITERALLY	(delete)
LITTLE baby; infant; toddler	baby; infant; toddler
(LITTLE; TINY; WHITE) lie	lie
live A long LIFE	live long
LOCAL residents	dwellers; residents
LO AND BEHOLD	(delete)
locate	find; get; hear; see; smell
LOCATED in California	in California
LOOK AT IT; THINK OF IT) THIS WAY	
look the other way	deny; ignore; pretend
looking back on	in (hindsight; retrospect)
LOUD; VIOLENT) explosion	explosion
lower; upper) (right; left) HAND	(lower; upper) (right; left)
made (from; out of)	made (from; of)
MAINLY focuses on	focuses on
major	big; huge; key
majority (of people)	most (people)

MAKE A (copy; print) OF	copy; print
make a (decision; determination)	choose; decide; pick; (s)elect
MAKE A plan	schedule; plan; strategize
make a reference to	mention; point; refer to
make a statement	declare; say; shout; show; tell
• MAKE (A STATEMENT) concise	concise
make a suggestion	ask; hint; imply; infer; suggest
• make a (thought; vision) visible	visibleize
make an assumption; presume	assume
make an effort	attempt to; do (it); try (it; to)
MAKE AN improveMENT	correct; fix; improve; perfect
make (beautiful; ugly)	beautify; uglify
MAKE contact WITH	call; contact; touch; write to
make equal	balance; equalize
• make (fashionable; popular)	fashionize; hype; popularize
make (it) better	cure; fix; heal; improve; save
• make it (easier; easy) to do	easify
make it happen	begin; (do; start) it
makes it necessary to	demand; exact; require
• make (it) possible (for us) to	help; let; possibleize
• make obsolete	obsoletize
• make sensitive to	sensitize
• make simpler, shorter; faster	concise (v.)
make sure	ensure
• make (tangible; touchable)	tangibleize
make-to-order	customize; tailor

make you aware	(show; teach; tell) you
malicious	bad; cruel; evil; nasty; wicked
MANAGED TO (do; get; succeed)	do; get; succeed
manipulate	control; fool; handle; trick
(manner; way) (IN WHICH)	fashion; manner; mode; style
manufacture	do; build; make; produce
many (OF THOSE; PEOPLE) who	(many; those) who
MANY (problems; opportunities)	problems; opportunities
many DIFFERENT (kinds; types)	many (kinds; types; varieties)
many DIFFERENT (options; ways)	many (options; ways)
many DIFFERENT alternatives	many alternatives
many times	often
materialize	build; deliver; do; produce
maximum	best; greatest; most; top
may OR MAY NOT	could; may; might
may WELL be	may be
(MAY; MIGHT) BE ABLE TO do it	(may; might) do it
meet WITH	meet
memoRANDUM	memo
mental telepathy	clairvoyance
(MENTAL; PHYSICAL) attitude	attitude
mentally deficient	dumb; foolish; stupid; slow
methodOLOGY	method
metropolis	city; place; polis; town
might OR MIGHT NOT	might



miles TO THE North	miles North
minimal; minimum; VERY least	least
mistake	error; flaw; gaffe; slipup
misTAKENLY color	miscolor
mix TOGETHER	mix
modality	kind; mode; style; type; way
money	bucks; cash
money, skill, talent, time	wherewithal
more and more	growing; increasing(ly)
more is possible IN THE FUTURE	more is possible
more precise THAN THE OTHER(S)	more precise
more than ever BEFORE	over; more than (ever)
more (quickly; slow; thin)	quicker; slower; thinner
MOREOVER	(delete)
moreover	also; and; plus; too
most brief	briefest; quickest; simplest
most BUT NOT ALL	most
most FREQUENTLY asked	most asked
MOST likely	expected; likely; probably
most of the time	often; usually
mostly safe; threatening	dangerous; unsafe
motivATION	drive; impetus; motive; need
(move; slide; switch) OVER	change; move; slide; switch
MUCH prefer	choose; desire; prefer; (s)elect
multiple; multiplicity	lots; many; myriad

multiple (negation; negatives)	double negative
MUTUAL agreement	agreement; consensus
mutually dependent conditions	catch-22
MY QUESTION IS	(delete)
MY THEORY IS THAT	(delete)
myriad OF stars	myriad stars
MYSELF	I, me, my
mysterious	unknown
NAMELY	(delete)
narrow	fine; slim; thin; tight
nearBY	close; handy; near
necessary	needed; required
necessitate	need; require
need to	duty; must; should
need to BE ABLE TO	need to
NEEDLESS TO SAY	(delete)
negative (aspect; part; side)	(bad; down) side
neither ONE	neither; none
• neologism	new word
network	clan; group; net; team; web
never AGAIN	never; no more; that's it
never (BEFORE; EVER)	not ever
never do that AGAIN	never do that
nevertheless	anyhow; but; even so; still; yet
NEW (beginning; improvement; innovation; invention; recruit; start)	beginning; improvement;

innovation; invention;

recruit; start

newsworthy; noteworthy

big; hot; important; notable

(NEXT; THEN) he jumped

he jumped

no (brand; frills)

basic; common; generic

no basis in fact

baseless; false; sham; unreal

no(t) good

bad

no laughing matter

not funny; serious (matter)

NO LESS THAN

(delete)

no less than

over

no longer with us

dead; fired; gone; left; quit

no matter what; whatever

anyway; regardless of

NO ONE CAN DISPUTE THE FACT THAT

no one REALLY knows

no one knows

no question about it

certain; unquestionable; sure

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT

(delete)

no two ways about it

certainly, factually, truly

no-no-no; yes-yes-yes

okay; never; no; sure; yes

unchangeably, unmistakably

(no; not a) problem

perfect; great; okay; sure; yes

(no; without) question

clearly; no doubt

nodded HIS HEAD

nodded

non-stop

nonstop

none (AT ALL; WHATSOEVER)

no; none; zero

NONE OTHER THAN

(delete)

NONETHELESS

(delete)

nonetheless	anyhow; but; even so; still; yet
nonsensical	nonsense
nor	or
nor a borrower nor a lender be	don't borrow or lend
not (a; very) pleasant	unpleasant
not A SINGLE	not one; zero
not AT ALL	nil; nix; no; none; not; zero
not (at all); nowhere) as good	bad; inferior; junk; low; poor
not (being) able	unable
not (care; listen to; look at)	ignore; neglect; reject; shun
not do it	abstain
not do what was planned	forego; pass; skip; waive
NOT (EVEN) one	no; nil; none; zero; zilch; zip
not good	bad
not (harmful; offensive)	innocuous; mild; safe; tame
not in a position; unable) to	cannot; can't; will not; won't
NOT IN THE (VERY) LEAST	(delete)
not in the least	not at all; nil; no; never; not
not indispensable; unimportant	expendable; disposable
NOT infrequent(ly)	frequent(ly), often; regularly
NOT (JUST; ONLY) THAT, he also	he also
(not; nothing) WHATSOEVER	not; nothing
NOT ONLY (THE) _____, BUT ALSO (THE) _____	the _____ and _____
not permanent	provisional; temporary

not playing with a full deck	nuts; crazy; dumb; slow; stupid
not respected	disrespected; despised; hated
not (so, that; very) generous	cheap; miserly; stingy; tight
not succeed	blow it, bomb; fail; flop
not tired	energetic; rested
NOT TO BEAT AROUND THE BUSH(delete)	
NOT TO MENTION (THE FACT) THAT (self-contradicting lie)	
(delete)	
not too distant future	near future; soon
NOT UNcommon	common
NOT UNusual	usual
not work, IT WOULD (ALSO; ONLY) damage	
	not work and damage
notations	notes
NOTE (NOTICE) THAT	(delete)
nothing (but; except)	mere; pure; sheer; total
notice; see) (a; the) difference	discern; distinguish; tell apart
NOTWITHSTANDING	(delete)
notwithstanding	anyhow; but; even so; still; yet
NOW	(delete)
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT	(delete)
NOW underway	underway
nowAdays	now; nowadays
nowhere to be found	gone; hidden; lost
number one priority	task one
numerous	many

obfuscate; complicate	cloud; confuse; disguise
objective	aim; goal; target
obstruct	block; hinder; prevent; thwart
obvious	known
OBVIOUSLY	(delete)
occasionally; sometimes	at times
ODDLY ENOUGH, I got used to it	I got used to it
odoriferous; odorous	foul; putrid; smelly; stinky
OF COURSE	(delete)
of late	lately
OF no use	no use; inept; useless
off OF	from; off
OFF to his right	to his right
often TIMES; repeatedly	often; frequently; regularly
of the essence	basic
OH BOY!	(delete)
OH MY GOD!	(delete)
OH YEAH, I MIGHT AS WELL ADD (THAT)	
okay	OK; yes
on (a; the) personal level	personally
on (behalf; the part) of	by; for; from
on (its face; skin; surface)	outwardly; superficially
on (previous; other) occasions	previously; prior
on a daily basis; per/day	daily; everyday
on a number of occasions	often; repeatedly
on a regular basis	frequently; often; regularly

ON A SEPARATE MATTER	(delete)
on account of the fact that	because
on average	generally; typically; usually
on (behalf; the part) of	by
on more than one occasion	(5; several) times; often
on the basis of	based on; because; due to
on the bottom of	below; beneath; under
on the contrary	backwards; instead; opposite
on THE FACE OF THE earth	on earth
on the grounds (that; of)	based on; because; due to
on the heels of; subsequently	after; following; next
on the one hand ABC, on the other (hand) XYZ	
on the subject of	about; on
on the verge of	about to; can; may; might
on the way to (health; recovery)	improving; recovering
ON THE WHOLE	(delete)
ON TOP OF (IT ALL; (ALL) THAT)	(delete)
on top of all that; additionally	also; moreover; plus; too
on-again, off-again	alternating; intermittent(ly)
ON-THE-SPOT	(delete)
once in a blue moon	rarely; seldom
once in a while; sometimes	at times
once) used to take	lasted; took
one	a
ONE AND the same	equal; identical; the same
one OF (THE; THEM)	a; an; one

one of the	an
one OF WHICH is	one is
one more time	again
one SINGLE	a; it; one
one thing has nothing to do with the other	
	they are unrelated
one way or another	somehow; someway
one who uses long words	sesquipedalian
one-of-a-kind	only; unique; singular
one; the	a
one OF THEM	one
one OF THEM (did; is; started)	one (did; is; started)
ONLY choice	choice; decision; (s)election
never heard nothing but bad things (about him)	
only heard bad things	
open UP	break; crack; hatch; open
operational; underway	active; going; on
opportunity	break; chance; option
or ELSE	or
or thereabouts	about; around; near; or so
ORIGINAL founder	founder
OTHER alternative	alternative (is or would be)
other people	others; the; them; they
other way around	flipped; opposite; (in; re)verse
out of focus	blurred; fuzzy; unclear
OUT OF NOWHERE	(delete)



out of the ordinary	best; exceptional; top(s);
out of the question	no; unthinkable; undoable
out-and-out; outright; overt	fully; pure; totally; utterly
out of order; inoperative	broken; down; useless
out-of-the-way	isolated; removed; secluded
output	crop; delivery; product; result
OUTRIGHT	(delete)
over AND DONE WITH	done; ended; over; past
over and over again (and again)	again; constant; repeated(ly)
OVER exaggerate	exaggerate
over the course of	during; throughout; while
over(arching; riding); supersede	first; key; main; top
over(power; shadow)	dwarf; lead; rule; squelch
OVER(WITH; AND DONE WITH)	ended; finished; over
OVERALL (acceptable; better)	acceptable; better
OVERALL situation	situation
overburden	flood; swamp; inundate
owing to the fact that	because
owner of the car	car's owner
PAIR OF socks	(2, two) socks
PAIR OF twins; two twins	twins
panel discussion	forum; seminar; symposium
parameter	border; fence; edge; limit
parsimonious	economic; frugal; tight; thrifty
part AND parcel	bit; part; parcel; piece
partial	(in) part

PARTIAL; SLIGHT; TINY) error	error
(partially; somewhat) good	good enough; mediocre
(partially; somewhat) intelligent	dumb; foolish; stupid
participant	actor; contestant; player
participate	take part
PARTICULAR	specific
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PARTICULAR place	place
PARTICULAR type of	type of
PARTICULARLY difficult	challenging; difficult; hard
partly	(in) part; partly; somewhat
pass judgement	criticize; judge; evaluate
pass(ed) away	die(d); is dead
PASSING (craze; fad; style; trend)	craze; fad; style; trend
PAST; PREVIOUS; PRIOR) (experiences; memories)	experiences; memories
pedestrian	ped
penetrate INTO	go in(to); invade; penetrate
people IN GENERAL	humans; people; us; we
people invited	guests; invitees; visitors
people who	those who
perceive	detect; feel; hear; see; sense
perceives and knows everything	is omniscient
percentage	part; portion; slice; sliver
perfect world	heaven; paradise; utopia
PERFECTLY (normal; safe)	normal; safe

perform	do, work
perform the (function; role) of	act as; apply; do; replace
performance	delivery; output; work; yield
perhaps	maybe
period of time	period, span, time
permit	allow; let; okay
perpetrator	doer; culprit; perp
person from another place	alien; foreigner; outsider
• person of the opposite gender	peropgen
person who overeats; overeater	glutton; foodie; obese
PERSONAL bias	bias; illusion; prejudice; slant
PERSONAL opinion	opinion
personally, I	I
pertaining to	about; on; concerning
pick AND choose	choose; opt for; pick; (s)elect
pinpoint EXACTLY	pinpoint
pitFALL	cavity; crater; hole; pit; trap
place side-by-side	compare; contrast; juxtapose
place things at intervals	intersperse
place; put) in alphabetical order	alphabetize
place; put) one after the other	intercalate; interpose
plain AND simple	easy; plain; simple
plan (AHEAD; IN ADVANCE)	foresee; order; plan; plot
plan OF ACTION; strategy	plan; steps; tactics
play again	replay
PLUM forgot	forgot

plunge (DOWN; IN; INTO)	dive; drop; fall; plunge; slide
point IN TIME	point; then; there; time
point of (departure; entry)	dawn; intro; start (point)
POINT OF view	opinion; take; stance; view
point THE FINGER at	accuse; blame; point at
points of view	view
popular	fad; hip; in; known; trendy
possess	have; hold; own
possibility	chance; likelihood
possible courses of action	choices; direction; options
posterior	back; butt; dorsal; rear
postpone UNTIL (A) LATER TIME	postpone
postulate	posit; imagine; suggest; think
powerful	big; great; potent; strong
powerful (conversation; speech)	powertalk
PRACTICALLY impossible	impossible; undoable
practically SPEAKING	practically
precede; take precedence over	beat; lead; top; trump
practicing	applying; doing; using
PRECISELY	(delete)
preclude	deter, impede, rule out
predict THE FUTURE	forecast; foretell; predict
predominantly	mostly; nearly all
prefer	choose; favor; like; pick; elect
prefer; seek) TO	prefer; seek
preponderance; prevalence	more

prerogative	choice; option; power; right
present state of affairs	how things are; status-quo
present TIME	here; now; present
pretend	fake
PRETTY (bad; good) (big; small)	bad; big; good; small
PRETTY (bad; ugly)	bad; foul; nasty; ugly
PRETTY (DARN) (cold; hot)	cold; hot; or specify degrees
PRETTY; SOMEWHAT) obvious	known; clear; obvious
prevent	abort; avert; avoid; deter; stop
prevent that FROM HAPPENING	prevent (it; that)
previous(ly); prior (to)	before; prior
primarily	mainly; mostly
primary; principal	chief; head; main; top
printOUT	copy; print
PRIOR approval	approval
PRIOR experience	experience
PRIOR precedent	precedent
prior to	before; earlier; past
prioritize	order; rank
pro bono; (at) no (charge; cost)	free
probability	chance; likelihood
probable that; to be expected	likely; probably; should
• problem and opportunity	problem+tunity
proceed	go
procedure; process	steps
process	steps

• process of creating (new) ideas	ideation
proclaim	inform; notify; say; tell
procure	catch; clasp; clench; get; grab
produce	deliver; give; make; output
production	output
productivity	delivery; efficiency; throughput
professional	pro
PROFIT-SEEKING business	business
prognosticate	foresee; foretell; predict
proliferate; promote	expand; extend; hype; spread
prolong	delay; extend; stretch
PROlongED	extended; lengthy; long
pronto	fast; nippy; quick snap; swift
propaganda	hype; plug; push; tout
PROPOSED plan	plan
prosperous; successful	thriving; rich; wealthy
protest AGAINST; oppose	counter; defy; fight; protest
protrude OUT	protrude
provide	deliver; feed; give; supply
provided THAT he	provided he
proximity	closeness; nearness
• pseudonym	alias; pen name; other name
pull IT (DOWN; IN; OUT; UP)	heave; pull; snatch; take; yank
pull out	extract; lift; pull; take; yank
pull the plug on	(end; kill; stop it; turn (it) off
punctual	on-time; timely

pursuant to	following; under
push in (that; this) direction	push (away; from; to; toward)
PUT (THE) pressure ON	pressure
PUT AN end TO	close; end; halt; kill; stop
put emphasis on	emphasize; highlight; point out
put forth	advance; suggest; propose
put into effect	activate; launch; open; start
PUT ON AN act	act; fake; feign; pretend; trick
PUT TO use	apply; use
put together	assemble; build; form; join
puzzling IN NATURE	puzzling
quantity	amount; degree; number
quarantine	detain; filter; imprison; isolate
quick	fast; nippy; pronto; snap; swift
QUITE (AMBITIOUS; LARGE; ETC.)	ambitious; large; etc.
QUITE possibly	possibly
quotidian	common; daily; every day

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RATHER; QUITE

(delete)

rational	cogent; logical; mathematic
REACH A conclusion	conclude; decide; realize; see
REACH AN agreeMENT	accept; agree; buy (into)
READILY (apparent; available)	apparent; available
REAL life; truth	life; truth
	real-time concising
• real-time self-censoring of (prolix; unconcise) expressions	
REAL; TRUE) winner	winner
realize	feel; figure; see; sense
REALLY	(delete)
really; very) hungry	starving
really needed	essential; indispensable
reason	end; goal; purpose; target; why
REASON why	basis; cause; trigger; why
reasonably priced FOR WHAT YOU GET	
reasonably priced	
receive(d) (it)	get; got (it)
reconnoiter	look; observe; survey; watch
record-(BREAKING; SETTING)	record
record-(HIGH; LOW)	record
reduce	clip; cut; lower; pare; trim
reduce (the) speed; decelerate	slow down; slowdown
REDUCE DOWN TO ZERO	zeroize
reduce in size	downsize; lessen; shrink; trim
reduce to the (least; minimum)	minimize
refer BACK	recall; refer; remember



regarding	about; on
regardless of	but; despite; whatever
regardless of the fact that	although; though
REGRETTABLY; UNFORTUNATELY	(delete)
regularly	often
• regularly write one's thoughts	thought-write
REiterate; say again	echo; iterate; redo; repeat
relation (among; between) parts	percentages; proportions 27
RELATIVELY (big; cool; hot; small)	big; cool; hot; small
relocate	change; move; shift
remainder; what's left	the rest
remains to be seen	is (unknown; undefined)
remember (seeing; smelling)	saw; smelt; heard; tasted
REMEMBER HAVING seen; heard	saw; heard
REMEMBER THAT	(delete)
REMEMBER TO	(delete)
remuneration	pay; reward; salary; wage
reOCcurring; repetitive	cyclic; recurring; recursive
repair	align; correct; fix
repeat (over and over) again	repeat
replace one thing with another	depose; supplant; replace
report BACK	answer; reply; report
representative	rep
represents	is like; resembles; signifies
requirement	demand; need; obligation
requirements	needs

requires	asks; calls for; exacts
resembles; similar to	as; like
reside	dwell; live; stay
residence	apartment; home; house
resign	go; leave; quit
reversal	setback; delay; hitch
revert BACK	return; revert
reward	favor; honor; praise; prize
RIGHT here (RIGHT now)	here (now)
RIGHT NOW	now
RIGHT THEN AND THERE	(delete)
RIGHT) then AND there	on-the-spot; then; there
RIGHT under (his; my; your) nose	under (his; my; your) nose
role reversal BETWEEN THE TWO	role reversal
root CAUSE	cause; reason; root; source
round; square) IN SHAPE	round; square
routine procedure	procedure; routine
rules and regulations	(by)laws; regulations; rules
run of the mill	common; mediocre; ordinary
running AROUND (IN CIRCLES)	circling; running
(s)election; preference	choice; option; pick
SAFE haven	haven
said differently	in other words; namely; that is
said THAT the	said the
same (EXACT) THING	equal; identical; same
satisfied	fulfilled; smug; content

say (it) again	echo; recap; repeat; reprise
scaffold	base; ladder; platform; stand
scrutinize CAREFULLY	inspect; scrutinize; study
search	hunt; look; probe; seek
second to none	best; first; number one, tops
see it happen before it happens	foreknow; foresee; imagine
seek OUT	hunt; look; search; seek
seems	looks (like)
seems LIKE A good ONE	seems good
seems to	might
seems to (hint; infer) (at; that)	hints; infers
self-(directed; ruling); liberated	autonomous; free; wild
self-absorbed; self-centered	selfish; egotistic
send and receive messages	communicate
SEPARATE entity	body; entity; piece; thing; unit
SERIOUSLY	(delete)
SERVES TO (explain; show)	explains; shows
SERVES TO anesthetize	anesthetizes; deadens; numbs
set a NEW (WORLD'S) record	set a (world's) record
set aside	hold; retain; save; stock; store
seventy-five percent	0.75; 3/4; 75%; 3-fourths
(SEVERAL; SOME) parts	parts
sex worker; prostitute	call girl
she DID mention	she (mentioned; said; told)
she MANAGED TO lift one	she lifted one
SHORT, SWEET, AND to the point	to the point

should CONCEIVABLE work  
should I do it, OR NOT  
should have  
should you decide  
shout(ed) LOUDLY  
(showing; with) (love; fear; pride)  
side with  
significant  
SIMPLY PUT  
simultaneous  
since THE last TIME  
sit (correctly; erect)  
sit DOWN  
situation  
slacker  
slender  
small (number; quantity)  
small-; medium-; large-)SIZE  
• smell beforehand  
smile  
SO AS (not to; to)  
SO easy  
so (that) I can  
SO it seems  
so THAT  
SO-CALLED

should work  
should I do it  
should of  
if you decide  
shout(ed)  
lovingly; fearfully; proudly  
aid; favor; help; like; support  
big; major; much; top; very  
(delete)  
both; jointly; together  
since (it was) last  
sit up  
sit  
case; instance; status-quo  
bum; idler; lazy; loafer; looser  
slim; thin; skinny  
few  
small; medium; large  
foresmell  
beam; grin; wink beam  
to; to not  
easy  
to  
it seems  
for; so  
(delete)

SO YEAH, we (did; do; have done)	we (did; do; have done)
socialize	chat; hobnob; mingle; mix
sojourn; vacation	break; rest; stay; trip; visit
sold OFF	sold
SOME (KIND; TYPE) OF (AN)	(delete)
some of the	among the
some (place; where) else	elsewhere; not here; there
some of the time; sometimes	continually
SOME other	another
some PEOPLE love to eat	some love to eat
some sequence OR OTHER	some sequence
someday; sooner or later	eventually; later; soon
somedays it is easier TO DO THAN OTHER DAYS	
some days it is easier (to do)	
something	(a; that; the) thing; it
SOMETIME around	around
SOMETIME before	before; previously; prior to
SOMEWHAT	(delete)
somewhere along the line	at some (point; (point in) time)
SOMEWHERE around	about; around; close to; near
SOMEWHERE in between	between
SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF (90-days; three-months)	(90-days; three-months)
somewhere in the course of	at; during; in; on; while
somewhere in the (neighborhood; vicinity) of one-month	
	around one-month

sophisticated	classy; erudite; refined
sparingly	few; frugally; minimally
specific	exact; precise
specification(s)	spec(s)
spectrum	band; gamut; range; span
speech WHICH WAS given	speech given
speed is of the essence	speed is basic
speed-UP	hasten; hurry; rush
split-UP	break; crack; separate; split
SPONTANEOUSLY	(delete)
stagnant	inert; fixed; static; still; stuck
stand in the way (of)	block; prevent; stop; thwart
stand UP	stand; rise
start(ed)	began
start (OFF; OUT; UP)	begin; go; start
startING point	start point
stationary	immobile; stagnant; static
stature; tallness	height
stick out	bulge; jut; protrude; swell
stick-to-it-iveness; perseverance	drive; grit; tenacity
still further	more
STILL (has not; loves; works)	has not; loves; works
STILL persist; remains	is; persist; remains; stays
(STILL) not certain	uncertain
stop beating around the bush	be direct; say it
stratagem; strategy	plan; plot; ploy; tactic; way(s)

strategy FOR success	success (steps; strategy)
submit; surrender	follow; give (in); obey
SUBSEQUENTLY	(delete)
subsequently; subsequent to	after; later; next; then
substantial	big; large; major; much; vast
substantiate	back; confirm; prove; verify
SUBTLE nuance	detail; nuance
subtract	deduct; lessen; reduce; rest
SUCCESSFULLY do (a thing)	do (a thing)
such as	like
SUDDEN (explosion; impulse)	explosion; impulse
SUDDENLY, IT DAWNED ON ME THAT	(delete)
SUFFICE IT TO SAY (THAT)	(delete)
sufficient	abundant; enough; plenty
suggest	hint; infer; imply; nudge
suggestion	hint; idea; feedback; plan
SUM TOTAL	sum; total
summarize BRIEFLY	simplify; shorten; summarize
superior	best; better; high; top
superior (to)	better (than); tops; trumps
supersede; supplant	displace; replace; top
supplant; replace	eject; exile; expel; oust
support	aid; assist; favor; give; help
SURE hope	hope
SURPRISINGLY OR NOT	(delete)

surrender	give in; give up; submit; yield
surround ON ALL SIDES	surround
switch OVER	change; move; swap; switch
SWORN affidavit	affidavit
symbolizes	is (like); reflects; resembles
tailor-make	customize
TAKE A look at	check (out) ; look at; see (if)
take action	act; do; call; make; start
take advantage of	abuse; cheat; defraud; use
take advantage of; embezzle	abuse; defraud; fool; trick
TAKE BY surprise	shock; startle; stun; surprise
take into account	consider; see (if)
take into consideration	consider; include
take into custody	arrest; capture; catch; detain
take place	act; do; happen; occur
take the (wrong) way	miscomprehend; misconstrue
talk (to; with) oneself	self-talk
talk about	discuss; mention
tantamount to	equal to; like; the same as
taste beforehand	foretaste
teenAGER	teen
tell him THAT	say; tell him
tell lies about a product	defame; discredit; misbrand
TEMPER tantrum	tantrum
tempORARY (WORKER)	temp
tends to be	is



terminate	cancel; cease; end; fire; stop
terminating	ending
terminating a relationship WITH SOMEONE	ending a relationship
TERRIBLE tragedy	catastrophe; ruin; tragedy
test OUT	check; see; test; try out; verify
thank YOU	thanks; smile
THANKS, BUT no thanks	no thanks
thanks, BYE (often obvious)	thanks
THAT	(delete or avoid using)
THAT	the
THAT	(delete)
THAT MOMENT (IN TIME))	(delete)
THAT BEING SAID	(delete)
that DOES sound nice	that sounds nice
that FACT	that
that includes	and; also; including; with
THAT INSTANT	(delete)
THAT IS TO SAY	(delete)
THAT MEANS	(delete)
that moment	then
that point IN TIME	that point; then
that WHICH	that; what
that would be Charlie	(that is) Charlie
that would be (good; bad)	is (good; bad)
the (aforementioned; aforesaid)	it; that; the above; those

the alarm will go off	the alarm will sound
THE _____ FACTOR	(delete)
the above (MENTIONED)	it; that; the above; those
THE Arabic LANGUAGE	Arabic
THE BETTER PART OF	(delete)
THE BOTTOM LINE IS (THAT)	(delete)
THE CASE INVOLVES	(delete)
THE (CITY; STATE; COUNTRY) OF	Milan; California, China
THE COLOR (blue; green; red)	blue; green; red
THE CONCEPT OF	(delete)
THE CONDITION OF	(delete)
the day (may; will) come when	eventually; one day; someday
THE DAY when	when
the degree to which	how (far; many; much; wide)
the ELEMENT OF surprise	surprise
the equivalent of	like; the same as; equal to
THE FACT (IS (THAT)); THAT)	(delete)
the fact (of the matter) is that	in fact; in truth; really; truly
THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS	(delete)
the fact that I am _____	my being [ 10-lines ]
the feeling is mutual	likewise; me too; same here
THE five-men	(5; five)-men; the (5; five)
the foregoing	it; that
the goal of this agency is	this agency's goal is
The (IDEA; NOTION) OF	(delete)
THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT	(delete)

THE INS AND OUTS OF	(delete)
the interesting thing is that	interestingly
the majority	most
the (manner; means) by which	how; the (steps; process; way)
the mere fact that he did it	his doing it
THE MONTH OF October	October
the more OFTEN you do it	the more you do it
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO (NOT)	(say what that is)
THE NOTION OF	(delete)
THE ONE AND ONLY	(delete)
the other way around	backwards; opposite; reverse
the possibility exists (for; that)	it (could; may; might)
THE PRACTICE OF	(delete)
the (foregoing; preceding)	it; that; the above; those
THE PRESENCE OF	(delete)
the present situation	(that; this) (is; will be)
THE PROBLEM (APPEARS TO; MAY) BE	
the process by which	how; the (steps; way)
THE QUESTION (ARISES; IS; OF)	(delete)
THE REALM OF	(delete)
the reason FOR THAT is	because; the reason is
the reason why (IS THAT)	because; the reason; why
the same way	as; like; similarly
THE SITUATION IS THAT	(delete)
the speed at which it moves	its speed

THE STATE OF (California; Idaho)	California; Idaho
THE surprise ELEMENT	(a; the) surprise
the thing (is)	what
THE THING IS	(delete)
the thing (that; which)	how; what; when; who; why
the things he said are true	what he said is true
THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO	(delete)
the time will come when	one day; someday
the truth is THAT	the (fact; truth)
THE TRUTH IS THAT	(delete)
the truth OF THE MATTER	the (fact; truth)
the value of which	whose value
the way	how; like
the ways IN WHICH it	the ways it
the way (that; (in) which)	how
the (smart; wise) thing to do is	it's (smart; wise) to
THEN AND ONLY then	that's when; then
THEN why ((do; say) it)	why ((do; say) it)
theories AS TO HOW	how; opinions; theories; ways
THERE (ARE: IS)	(delete)
there (are; is) IN FACT	there (are; is)
there (has to; must) be a reason	there is a reason
there (is; are) no free lunch(es)	no lunch is free
THERE IS no one WHO can convince	no one can convince
THERE IS no doubt; undoubtedly	doubtless(ly); no doubt

there is SUCH A THING AS _____	_____ exists; there is _____
thereafter	later; next; then
therefore	so; thus
they ARE stopPING us from	they stop(ped) us from
they did (it; this) themselves	they did (it; this)
• thing to make errors impossible	error-impossibilitator
thing which motivates	desire; drive; impetus; will
• thing which prevents errors	error-(blocker; preventor)
things IN GENERAL	things
things to do; to do's	do; tasks
think (again; critically; twice)	rethink
think how a group thinks	groupthink
thinking about; wanting to	considering
this DOES mean	this means
this one or that one	(one) or the other
this VERY instant	this instant
those of us who	we who
those people	them; the; they; those
though	but
three times	three-times; thrice
THREE triplets	triplets
three-fourths; three-quarters	3/4; 75%; 0.75; three-fourths
through	by
thumbs up	do it; go; okay; start; yes
time after time	often; regularly; repeatedly
time and time again	often; regularly; repeatedly

time OF (DAY; NIGHT)	time
time to (cook; eat) THE FOOD	time to (eat; cook)
time will tell	(undefined; unknown) result
time-consuming	lengthy; long
to a large (degree; extent)	largely; mostly; much
to a lesser (degree; extent)	scant; fewer; less
TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST (WITH YOU)	
TO BEGIN WITH	(delete)
TO CONCLUDE	(delete)
TO CUT TO THE CHASE	(delete)
TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT	(delete)
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE	(delete)
TO MAKE MATTERS worse	(to) worse(n)
TO MY SURPRISE	surprisingly
TO SUM UP	(delete)
TO SUMMARIZE	(delete)
to what (degree; extent; length)	how (far; long; much; wide)
to what extent	how (deep; far; great; much)
tonality	tone
too many words	wordy
took whatEVER he could	took what he could
TOTALLY (UNEXPECTED) surprise	surprise
TOTALLY certain	certain
TOTALLY convinced	convinced
TOTALLY destroy	destroy
TOTALLY overwhelm	overwhelm

TOTALLY shocked	shocked
TOTALLY unnecessary	unnecessary, unneeded
• touch beforehand	foretouch
touch to get attention	poke
towards	to; toward
trace BACK	backtrack; trace
• tracking thought progress	thought-(tracking; trailing)
trade ONE THING FOR ANOTHER	barter; switch; swap; trade
transform	change; convert; flip; turn
transpire	occur; pass
transport	carry; drive; fly; send; ship
transpose	switch
tried TO SEE IF	attempted; endeavoured; tried
trousers	jeans; pants; slacks
TRULY	(delete)
TRULY (amazing; remarkable)	amazing; remarkable
TRULY believe	believe
TRULY honest	honest
try (IT) OUT	try (it)
TRY TO (do; figure out)	do; figure out
turn off	dislike
TWELVE (midnight; noon)	midnight; noon
two times	twice
two times better	twice as good
type a wrong letter	mistype
TYPE OF (people; places; things)	people; places; things

TYPE OF	(delete)
• type; write) in superscript	superscript
ugly (LOOKING; SOUNDING)	ugly
ULTIMATELY	(delete)
unable; not in a position) to	cannot; inept; powerless
unaccustomed to	not used to
unattractive	bad; repulsive; toxic; ugly
unBEknown; unBEknownST	concealed; secretly; unknown
uncommon	odd; rare; scarce; weird
unconcise	long; prolix; wordy
unconnected	alone; free; separate; solo
unconnected; unrelated	
UNDENIABLY	(delete)
UNDER no CIRCUMSTANCE(S)	never; no
underNEATH	below; beneath; under
undoubtedly	no doubt
unequaled; without equal	rare; sole; unique; top
unfavorable	adverse; bad; hurtful
UNFORESEEN emergency	emergency
UNFORTUNATELY	(delete)
unintelligent; low-intelligence	dumb; foolish; slow; stupid
unintended adverse results from a political action or situation	
	blowback
unintentionally falsely inform	misinform
UNITENTIONAL (error; mistake)	error; gaffe; mistake
unmarried	bachelor; single; unattached



unmistakable	certain; definite; sure
UNNECESSARILY wasteful	wasteful
unnecessary	needless; surplus; unneeded
unnecessary	needless; unneeded
unneeded (3 syllables)	needless (2 syllables)
unprecedented	fresh; new; novel; original
unpredictable	erratic; fickle; shifty; weird
unquestionable	bad; false; good; true; yes; no
UNQUESTIONABLY	(delete)
unquestionably	clearly; no doubt
unstable	flimsy; shaky; weak; wobbly
unstoppable	persistent, dogged; gritty
unsubstantiated; unproven	baseless; false; is not
UNtil	till
until SUCH TIME AS	until
until THAT (POINT IN) TIME	till; until
UP (till; until)	till; until
up (to; until) now	hitherto; till now
up in the air	undecided; unresolved
UP TO 3 are permitted	3 are allowed
up to A MAXIMUM OF	up to
up to a point	in part; partially; somewhat
up to and including	through; till; to; until
up to THE POINT OF	at; till; to; until; when
upon	at; on
upwards of	above; more than; over

usage	use
used to	did; was
used to (live in; (teach; work) at	lived in; (taught; worked) at
used to be	is; the (former; old); was
useful	handy; trusty
usefulness	use; utility; value; worth
useless	bad; futile; junk; no; out
usually	often; regularly; typically
utilize	apply; do; employ; use
valuable ASSET	asset; (help; use)ful; valuable
vanished COMPLETELY	vanished
(vantage; view) POINT	vantage; view
verbalize	say; speak; talk; utter; write
• verbose	lettery; long; prolix; wordy
VERY expensive	costly; expensive
VERY (expensive; picky; useful)	expensive; picky; useful
very accurate	exact
very accurate	exact
very afraid	fearful
very afraid	terrified
very clean	spotless
very clever	brilliant
very cold	freezing
very creative; original)	innovative
very cute	adorable
very dear	cherished

very dry	parched
very evil	wicked
very fat	obese
very glad	overjoyed
very good	excellent
very happy	ecstatic
very large	huge
very lazy	indolent
very little	tiny
very much SO	(very) much; really; truly; yes
very neat	immaculate
very necessary	essential
very nervous	apprehensive
very nice	kind
very noisy	deafening
very often	frequently
very quiet	silent
very resistant	enduring
very rich	wealthy
very risky	perilous
very risky	perilous
very roomy	spacious
very short	brief
very shy	timid
very smart	intelligent; genius
very smelly	stinky

very smooth	sleek
very stupid	idiotic
very tasty	delicious
very thin	gaunt
very tired	exhausted
very ugly	hideous
very upset	distraught
very valuable	precious
very wicked	villainous
very willing	eager
very worried	distressed
VIABLE (option; solution)	key; option; solution; way
view POINT; POINT OF view	opinion; outlook; stance; view
VIRTUALLY impossible	impossible
visible TO THE HUMAN EYE	visible
visually	visibly
vital NECESSITY	vital; necessity; need; want
wait A MINUTE	(hang; hold) on; stop; wait
wait AROUND	wait
walk AROUND	stroll; walk; wander
walk before you can run	develop; grow; plan; prepare
walk out	depart; exit; go; leave
want(s) to HAVE a meeting	want(s) to meet
warFARE	war
was (VERY) helpful	helped
was given	got; has; holds; is; received

was (studying; thinking; waiting)	studied; thought; waited
way of teaching	way to teach
way to (get; go) in	door; entrance; window
we are of the opinion	we (believe; think)
we ARE open (ON) Sundays	(we) open Sundays
we BOTH (agree)	we (agree)
we had a good time THERE	we had a good time
weather CONDITIONS	climate; weather
• Web (search on the Web)	(W)
we consider TO BE (bad; good)	we consider (bad; good)
WELL	(delete)
WELL aware	aware; conscious;
	knowing; knows
well (planned; thought) OUT	well (planned; thought)
WELL over	beyond; above; over
were I to die	if I die
WERE IN attendance	attended
were it not for	but for
what are you up to THESE DAYS	what are you up to
WHAT COULD BE CALLED (A; AN)	(delete)
what did you do that for	why did you
what DO WE DO (now)	what now; now what
WHAT DO YOU THINK,	(delete)
what I HAD said	(what) I said
WHAT I THINK HAPPENED WAS (THAT)	
WHAT I WANT TO (ASK; KNOW) IS(delete)	

WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS (THAT)	(delete)
what if THAT HAPPENS	(what) if
what IN THE WORLD	what
what is BEING said	what is said
what is (happening; going on)	what's (new; up)
what is the likelihood of	how (likely; probable) is
WHAT HE DID (IS; WAS)	he _____
WHAT he will DO IS	he will
what is the time frame	when
WHAT'S MORE	(delete)
WHAT'S (REALLY) GOING ON IS	(delete)
what's the extent of the damage how damaged is	
whatSOever	at all; no; none; whatever
WHEN compared (to; with)	compared (to; with)
when (he; I) was a child	as a child (he; I)
when I was teaching	teaching; when I taught
WHEN IT COMES TO	(delete)
whenever	anytime, every-time
whenEVER	when
where are we AT	where are we
where is Ohio LOCATED	where is Ohio
where ON (EARTH; THIS PLANET)	where
whereABOUTS	location; place; where
whereas	but; now; while
wherefore	why
wherEVER	where

whether (OR NOT)	if; when; whether
which (declares; states; says)	declares; states; says
which (ONE(S); ONE (OF THEM))	which
WHICH ARE often used to	often used to
which have been found to be	which are
WHICH IS (called; referred to)	called; known as
which way DO WE GO NOW	which way
while THAT WAS HAPPENING	during; simultaneously; while
WHILE WE'RE AT IT	(delete)
who; what; where; why; how ON EARTH	who; what; where; why; how
whoSOever	whoever
why (IN THE WORLD; IS IT THAT)	why
WHY, just the other day	just the other day
why IS IT THAT you are (so)	why are you (so)
widespread	common; popular; rampant
will do LATER	will do
will (not) BE (attending; coming)	will (not) (attend; come)
wind DOWN	unwind
wind UP	wind
WINDOW OF opportunity	break; chance; opportunity
winning OUT	winning
WITH (THAT; THIS) IN MIND	(delete)
with all due respect	respectfully
with few exceptions	most(ly); typically; usually
with increasing frequency	increasingly

with no basis in fact	groundless; unfounded
with no errors or mistakes	error-free
with respect to	about; concerning; on
WITH THE exceptiON OF	except (for); excluding
WITHin	in
without a doubt	doubtless; no doubt; sure
without any errors or mistakes	error-free; flawless; perfect
without errors	error-free; faultless; flawless
without exception	always; every time
without interruption	continuous; uninterrupted
without misunderstandings	unmistakably
without provocation	unprovoked
without so much as a mention of	without mentioning
witness (in-person; first hand)	witness
wonder(s)	ask(s)
word-for-word	verbatim
• word with too many letters	lettery
• word with too many syllables	syllably
worth the effort	gainful, profitable; worthwhile
worthy of (praise; trust)	praiseworthy; trustworthy
would be able to	could
would be in violation of	(is violating; violates)
would (be; not be)	is; is not
would have	would of
wrap (it) up	cease; end; halt; stop
(written; wrote it) OUT	written; wrote



(only say how many years)

(YES) I DO like it

I like it

yes (it is; I am)

yes

you and I

us; we

you are ALL done

you are done

YOU COULD SAY

(delete)

YOU KNOW

(delete)

(YOU) KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

(delete)

(YOU) KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

(delete)

(YOU) KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?

(delete)

YOU (MAY; MIGHT) NOT BELIEVE THIS (, BUT)

(delete)

YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT

(delete)

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS (, BUT)

(delete)

zero in on

focus on; pinpoint; target